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Crown Prince Abdullah

Abdullah watches war games

By Faisal Idris
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, March 12 — Crown Prince Abdullah attended the annual day and night maneuvers of the National Guard in which many units participated.

Prince Abdullah, who is also commander of the Guard, spent the last two days in the desert to supervise the exercises codenamed 'Al-Yamama'. He also visited troops in their positions and trenches.

Night maneuvers were staged to test the Guard's ability to fight under all conditions.

Prince Abdullah was due to attend Sunday

the graduation of a new class of cadets and to visit the field hospitals which have been equipped to serve the Guard in peace and war.

This is the third annual maneuvers held by the Guard to support its fighting capabilities and training in the use of modern arms.

Naif lauds role of private sector

By Shahid Orakzai
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, March 12 — More than 600 leading Saudi Arab business men began a fullscale review of the Kingdom's economy as the first conference of Saudi business men opened here Saturday.

Inaugurating the conference on behalf of King Fahd, Interior Minister Prince Naif expressed confidence in the private sector's role in developing national economy and promoting the Kingdom's image in world business community.

"You are the mediators between the government and the people," Prince Naif told the businessmen and hoped they would realize their responsibilities in building a fair and corruption-free business climate.

He emphasized the Islamic character of Saudi business community and urged them to fight the curse of bribery, a cancer in the body of commercial practices. He appreciated the efforts by the council of Saudi Chambers and (Continued on page 2)

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Summit urges 3rd World unity

Indira, Arafat call for end to Gulf war

NEW DELHI, March 12 (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat made impassioned fresh appeals for Third World solidarity and an end to the Gulf war at the closing session of the nonaligned summit Saturday.

The summit ended 18 hours late after rows between Iran and Iraq and a wrangle over where to hold the next conference in three years' time. It called on the big powers to end the nuclear arms race and spend their missile money on helping the world's poorest countries out of economic misery.

Kings, presidents and prime ministers representing the 101-member movement condemned U.S. policy in the Middle East and castigated South Africa and Israel. They called indirectly for a withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan and Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea.

The summit meeting came out in favor of Arab peace proposals presented at the Fez summit last September and ratified by the Palestinian National Council last month. It adopted them as a document of the meeting, saying the Fez plan, which includes the creation of a Palestinian state and international security guarantees for all states in the region, "constitutes a framework for a just and durable peace in the Middle East."

The document recommends setting up a tribunal to try Israel for "war crimes" in occupied territories and condemns the Jewish state for "acts of genocide" at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon last year. The text also calls for a United Nations-sponsored conference supporting the Palestinian cause to be held in Paris in August.

Arab diplomacy scored an undeniable victory in convincing countries as different as Zaire and Argentina to support the Palestinian cause, while the United States refuses all contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), observers said.

The United States instead is trying to convince Jordan to negotiate the Palestinian sovereignty issue on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Mrs. Gandhi intervened personally Saturday to patch up differences on the Iran-Iraq war after arguments over the phrasing of the final conference document. The next conference of foreign ministers of the nonaligned countries will take place in Angola in 1985, the political committee of the summit announced late Saturday.

Mrs. Gandhi called delegates into session at 2:45 a.m. to announce a

OPEC parleys deadlocked

LONDON, March 12 (Agencies) — A bitter tussle between Venezuela and its OPEC partners over crude production quotas again held up final agreement Saturday on a proposed strategy by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to prevent prices tumbling freely on the glutted world oil market.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti angrily told correspondents that his country was ready to "cooperate" with its OPEC partners and reduce its output to secure a compromise. But "there are limits to our sacrifices," he said.

Calderon was speaking after a full meeting of the 13 ministers which began one and a half hours behind schedule and broke up after only "a few minutes," according to conference sources.

A senior delegate said the talks here might now have to continue Sunday and perhaps early next week.

The ministers have been engaged in intensive "informal" talks in London in a bid to salvage OPEC unity and work on a joint

compromise. She said some references to the 30-month-old war were being deleted. The seventh summit was switched to Delhi at short notice from Baghdad because of the war. Delegates said most members backed Iraq's claim to hold the next conference.

After saying a paragraph on the war was being struck out of the final political declaration, Mrs. Gandhi read out an appeal to the two Islamic states to end their conflict.

The 65-year-old Indian leader repeated her appeal at Saturday morning's closing session, coupling it with a call for unity in the movement.

Arafat, wearing khaki dress and his traditional black and white checked headscarf, joined the appeal, urging the two sides not to spill blood needed for the liberation struggle. As he stepped from the podium, he hugged the previous nonaligned chairman, President Fidel Castro of Cuba, and they posed together giving victory salutes.

Mrs. Gandhi said the nonaligned movement was "an assertion of mankind's will to survive, despite oppression, the growing arms race and ideological divisions."

But it would take a long time to fulfill the ideals and objectives of the movement. "The conference has been called a summit because of the top leadership gathered here," she said. "But in another sense we have only established the base camp and have a long climb to the attainment of our goals and ideals."

Later, Mrs. Gandhi, addressing a press conference denied the nonaligned movement had adopted the United States as its "natural adversary." She said, "There is no question of natural enemy or natural ally. But this doesn't mean we approve of all their actions in various parts of the world."

Referring to economic issues, Mrs. Gandhi said that if the rich, industrialized nations of the world continue to ignore the economic problems of the developing countries, "they do so at their own peril."

"Our economies are far more resilient than those of the so-called affluent countries."

Mrs. Gandhi dismissed a suggestion that there is little pressure on developing nations can bring to bear if their proposals for a new world economic order are ignored. "I don't believe in pressure," she said with smile.

But she said the industrialized nations of the Northern Hemisphere are discovering for themselves that their unemployment and recession are intertwined with the economic problems of the developing countries in the south.

"Where are their markets?" she asked "we have them. Unless we have the purchasing power, where will they sell their goods?"

Nkomo said due in London today

LONDON, March 12 (R) — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo is booked on a flight to Britain from South Africa Saturday and is expected to arrive in London Sunday morning, British Airways said here.

The British Foreign Office, however, said its officials had not received a request for asylum from Nkomo, who fled from Zimbabwe to neighboring Botswana last week.

In another development, Zimbabwe's High Commission in London announced that Information Minister Nathan Shamuyarira will give a press conference in London Sunday concerning "current events" and would answer questions about Nkomo.

Immigration officers at Heathrow Airport were reported to be on the alert for Nkomo, whose passport was confiscated last month by the Zimbabwe government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

British officials would give no indication of whether the leader of Zimbabwe's ZAPU opposition party would be admitted to Britain if he arrives Sunday.



Salient points of communiqué

NEW DELHI, March 12 (AFP) — Here are the highlights of the communiqué of the seventh nonaligned summit here that has nailed down all political issues except the Iran-Iraq war.

Middle East: "The conference expressed its support for and adopted the Arab peace plan proclaimed at the 12th Arab summit conference held at Fez, Morocco (which)...constitutes a framework for establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East."

The conference also agreed to request the international community to set up a war crimes tribunal in order to try Israel under international law for the crimes committed against the Palestinian people in all the territories which it has occupied since its establishment in 1948."

Lebanon: "(the summit) calls upon all states to endorse Lebanese efforts to secure the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces, whose presence in Lebanon does not have the support of the Lebanese legal authority."

Afghanistan: "They reiterated the urgent call made at the New Delhi ministerial conference held in February 1981 for a political settlement on the basis of the withdrawal of foreign troops..."

Cambodia: "They (the heads of state or government) were convinced of the urgent need to de-escalate these tensions through a comprehensive political solution which would provide for the withdrawal of all forces."

Disarmament: "Pending the achievement of nuclear disarmament the heads of state or government, in the name of humanity, demanded an immediate prohibition of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons by all nuclear weapons states."

Indian Ocean: "It (the summit) viewed with quiet and concern the continuous escalation of great power military presence in the Indian Ocean area, including expansion of existing bases...The heads of state or government expressed, in particular, their full support for Asian sovereignty over the Chagos archipelago, including Diego Garcia...The establishment and strengthening of the military base at Diego Garcia has endangered the sovereignty, territorial integrity and peaceful development of Mauritius and other states."

Namibia: "The conference renewed its pledge to render increased material, financial, military, political, humanitarian, diplomatic and other assistance to Namibia."

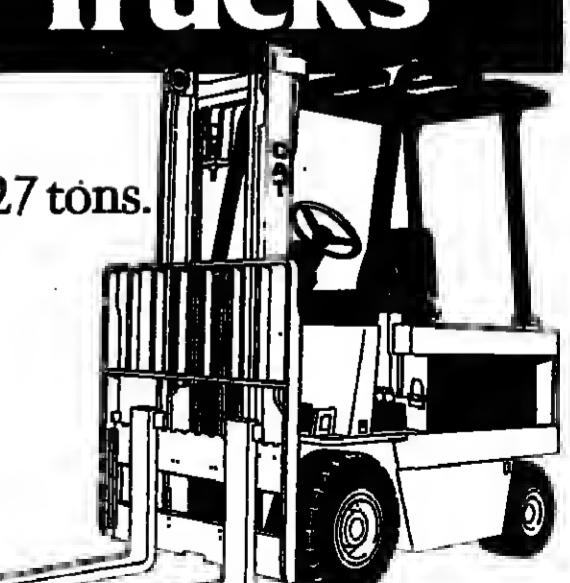
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Businessmen's conference to stress private sector's role in development

By S. Sidahmed
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 12 — The first conference of Saudi Arabian businessmen, which was opened by Interior Minister Prince Naif in Damman Saturday, is expected to stress the private sector's role in development plans and call for improving the working conditions of local businessmen.

A leading conference source told *Arab News* that the session is expected to call for involving the private sector in drawing up the national development plans and affirming the government's commitment to improve fiscal, administrative and economic policies in areas affecting businessmen, like foreign labor, government purchases, subsidies and social insurance.

The conference's recommendations will also call on business to show more interest in social aspects by setting up training centers for women in various areas under the auspices of the council of chambers of commerce; encourage exchange of information between the public and private sectors and urge businessmen to increase their investment and enter new fields.

The three-day conference which was attended by ministers of interior, planning, commerce and industry is the first of its kind to deal with various issues pertaining to the private sector in a comprehensive way. A basic study prepared by the Saudi Arabian Council of the Chambers of Commerce will be discussed by the conference. The paper deals in detail with achievements and problems of the private sector and proposes specific resolutions to some problems.

The paper notes that the expected role of the private sector is concentrated on making use of the infrastructure completed by the government after three successive development plans. High on the agenda for businessmen is to acquire shares in the cor-



Prince Naif

porations that are going public like the electricity companies, SABIC and others, enter in new investment areas like heavy industries, improve present services and raise efficiency.

The private sector has done remarkably well during the past few years, the paper said. Non-oil private sector has grown fivefold between 1974-81. Its output during this period has jumped from SR18.2 billion to SR90 billion. Between 1977-81 the number of private companies has grown from 44,000 to 172,000. The number of trading companies registered with the Commerce Ministry has jumped from 2,964 in 1978 to 4,635 in 1981 with investments totaling SR43 billion.

The performance of the private enterprises in agriculture shows that they help pushing chicken production from 14 million

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Fahd cables Evren
RIYADH (SPA) — King Fahd has sent a cable to Turkish President Gen. Kenan Evren expressing regret over the death of a number of people in a coal mine explosion recently.

Press meeting

RIYADH (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani will meet editors-in-chief of local newspapers on Monday to discuss a number of issues relating to the press media. Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Abu Al-

Khalil is also expected to meet them on the same day to explain the Kingdom's economic and financial policy.

Salman returns

RIYADH — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman returned here Saturday evening from a trip abroad, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

Olympic panel's meeting

RIYADH (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee will hold a meeting here on Monday under the chairmanship of Prince Faisal ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz, president of

in 1975 to 40 million in 1980, and eggs from 204 million to 750 million in the same period. In industry, the number of licensed factories has jumped from 600 in 1975 to 1,400 in 1981, with SR23 billion invested in leather, ready-made clothes, textile and plastic industries. In cement alone where the private sector is heavily involved, production rose from 700,000 tons in 1970 to 2.5 million tons last year. There are now 7,500 private contracting firms operating in the Kingdom and 232 hotels with 19,992 rooms while another 99 with 14,000 rooms are being constructed by private businesses.

The paper also deals with the difficulties faced by the private sector and on top of them are:

The limited number of businessmen allowed to bid for government projects.

Delay in taking appropriate decisions, which goes on for some months.

Lack of follow-up to government regulations that call for giving priority to Saudi Arabian businessmen in government purchases.

Lack of guidelines in dealing with government regulations.

Difficulties facing the import of labor.

Lack of information and statistics and absence of clear-cut policy on protecting Saudi Arabian businessmen from foreign partners and in cases of disputes.

The paper criticizes some businessmen who helped in depicting the private sector with the image of one looking for quick profit at the expense of long-term investment. The paper states that several businessmen opt for giving the job to a foreign partner against a commission instead of doing the business themselves. There is also the lack of training and coordination with government departments in areas related to the private sector.

To study joint ventures

Indian industrial group due here March 24

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 12 — A multidisciplinary team of India's leading industrial Birla group will visit the Kingdom from March 24 to April 3 to study and explore the possibilities of joint ventures and cooperation in various industrial sectors, especially in the maintenance services field.

The team, led by Birla Group Overseas Operations General Manager Mahadev Khorana, will be in Jeddah from March 24 to 28, in Riyadh on March 29 and in Damman from March 30 to April 3. The representatives will meet businessmen, industrial groups and the chambers of commerce, according to Indian Embassy Second Secretary (economic) S.A. Khan.

The visiting group will consist of R.L. Maheshwari of the paper projects division; Brig. (Rtd) Suchil Chandra Bhattacharya of the management services; B.S. Giri, of the chemical division; V.N. Mandlik, of the agricultural division; S.K. Singhvi, of the industrial division; A.K. Paul, of the steel and allied industries division; S. Das, head of the Birla hospital in Calcutta.

Khan said the group's visit is a follow-up series of mutual visits by officials and business delegations. This will be Khorana's second visit. The first took place in October 1982 when he visited Jeddah and Damman to study the potential of the Saudi Arabian market.

Thereafter, two business delegations from the Kingdom toured different parts of India meeting government officials and industrial groups. A delegation led by Tariq Billadin and Hyder Billadin visited India in October. In November a big business delegation representing varied business interests visited India. This delegation consisted of Saudi

Arabian business and industrial leaders like Abdullah Fouad, Dr. Ghaiti Pharao, Abdulla Kanoo, Suleiman Al Rajhi, Khaled Zainy, Saleh Obaid, deputy general manager of the Saudi Arabian Livestock Company, and Abdul Aziz Al Mutlaq.

A third Saudi Arabian delegation visited India in January and it was led by Al Moajil, president of the Damman Chamber of Commerce.

Khan said the way for all these exchange visits was paved by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who visited the Kingdom in mid-1982.

Olivetti computer to be unveiled today

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 12 — Italian Ambassador Marcello Salime will inaugurate the unveiling here of Olivetti's M20 Personal Computer during ceremonies at the Nova Park Hotel Sunday.

International Agencies Limited, a Binzagr Group company and sole agents for Olivetti in the Kingdom will introduce the computer

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Prince Naif

Commerce for promoting understanding between the government and the private sector and said the present conference would be remembered as a milestone.

The 3-day conference, attended by delegates from 12 chambers of commerce and industry, would hold 9 working sessions to discuss growth and problems of various sectors of Kingdom's economy.

Speaking earlier, the conference chairman Sheikh Ismail Ahu Dawood said the Saudi businessmen were committed to "safeguarding the Kingdom's wealth both inside and outside the country" and hoped that the present conference would promote cooperation and understanding between different chambers of commerce and interaction between the Saudi private sector.

He said business at present had become an international activity woven into the fabric of diplomatic relationship. "So it is necessary to devise a method which can operate in this complex situation," he pointed out.

To meet the challenge, the council of chambers of commerce had created the Saudi Group for International Business which aims at developing the image of Arab businessmen and safeguarding their rights and promoting the relations between the Arab countries and the world.

The group, he added, would focus on removing some of the current hurdles in business dealings with international companies and fostering Kingdom's trade ties with the

world in general.

Soon after the inaugural session the conference started discussion on the rules and regulations of the Ministry of Commerce. Deputy Minister of Commerce Sheikh Abdur Rahman Al Zamil replied to the questions and suggestions about modifications in rules to protect the local manufacturers.

The conference is scheduled to take up the issue of manpower import in the second working session Sunday morning which would be attended by Prince Naif. Discussion on contracting business, the bidding system and the contradictions between the national industry incentive system and the state purchasing system would be taken up in the third working session which would be devoted to matters relating to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy and is likely to be attended by the minister for finance. An important issue on Sunday's agenda is the government's social security scheme on which a working paper has already been tabled by the chamber. The biggest ever assembly of Saudi businessmen is being attended by more than 600 delegates representing a dozen chambers of commerce and industry from all over the Kingdom.

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Iomatic and moral assistance to SWAPO... (it) expressed its deep concern that the Western contact group was unable to detach and disassociate itself from the extraneous issue of linkage between

Namibia's independence and the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola...

Western Sahara: "The heads of state or government appealed to the parties to the conflict to initiate immediate negotiations under the auspices of the implementation committee of the OAU in order to obtain a fair and lasting solution to the conflict."

Latin America: The crisis in Central America has been aggravated by the intensification of imperialist interference in the internal affairs of the states of the region... the conference called on the governments of the United States and Honduras to adopt a constructive position in favor of peace and dialogue...

OPEC

severe test in the market.

Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi of Iran told Tehran radio Friday night he thought that an overall OPEC output ceiling of 17.5 million barrels daily, favored by the majority, was too generous to remove the oversupply in the market and the threat of a full-scale price collapse might persist.

A 15 percent cut in the oil price would be good news for the West and for non-oil developing countries, most economists are saying.

OPEC failed at three previous meetings to agree on production quotas. Last December, the cartel set a production ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day but failed to agree on individual quotas.

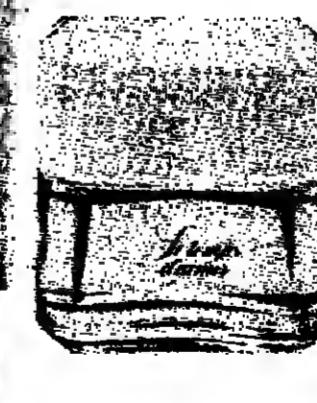
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Contracting bids must be public, says royal decree

RIYADH, March 12—King Fahd issued a decree last week providing that all contracting tenders should be public in Saudi Arabia to give a chance to competent Saudi Arabian contractors, wherever they may be, to compete, *Al-Madina* reported Saturday.

Commerce Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel said that the decree was meant to give an equitable chance to Saudi Arabian contractors in all state projects, rather than inviting a limited number of entrepreneurs to bid for contracts. Dr. Zamel said that the beneficial effects of the royal decree were already felt at the meetings of Saudi Arabian contractors held in Riyadh.

Meanwhile, according to *Al-Bilad*, the director of home trade has warned against the entry (into the Kingdom) of certain Lebanese products. He was acting in accordance with the recommendations of a committee made up of the Ministries of Interior, Finance and National Economy, and Commerce, and the Customs Department. The committee feared that Israeli products might infiltrate into Saudi Arabian territory in this manner.

A simple stamp could pretend that the goods originate from Lebanon, though in reality they come from Israel and escape the Arab boycott of Israel safety valve to make their way into the Arab markets.

The prohibited goods from Lebanon include chickens, materials, ready-made garments and jewelry. They also include electric and household appliances, like refrigerators, washing machines and radio sets, and others. The official said, however, that the ban was temporary until things shape out clearer and normally is back in Lebanon.

But goods from Beirut could still be cleared provided certain conditions are fulfilled. These include coordination between the Saudi Arabian Regional Boycott-of-Israel

Office and the commercial attache in Lebanon to give the necessary details about the goods manufactured in Lebanon and the production capacity of that company's factories. Merchants should also produce a certificate of first origin for all items purchased from Lebanese markets, no matter if the items were manufactured in Lebanon or purchased by Lebanese businessmen.

The Saudi Arabian merchant is now also compelled to conduct an inquiry into the origin of the goods he is importing from Lebanon. He also has to undertake in writing that in case the items are blacklisted by the Arab Boycott of Israel Bureau or simply of Israeli origin they will be confiscated and the importers will be punished. Moreover, the customs director has the right to return Lebanese shipments to their point of origin in case he suspects that they have something Israeli or if they do not bear a tag showing the name and address of the Lebanese manufacturer.

Likewise, Lebanese merchandise will be checked 100 percent. And the measure also applies to agricultural products, such as fruits and vegetables.

In addition, Saudi Arabian customs officials will attend the office of the commercial attache in Lebanon for an indefinite time to verify all documents in connection with shipment of goods to Saudi Arabia and go to the plants when necessary. Their action will be part of the customs procedures. Also, officials from the Ministries of commerce, and Interior and the Customs Department will go on three-month missions to Lebanon periodically to inspect the Lebanese markets and, after a field research, identify genuine Lebanese goods and know their volume and the exact quantities that could be exported.

Singapore Week, starting today, promises tasty foods

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 12—Jeddah will have a tantalizing array of indigenous foods with Singaporean atmosphere when the Singapore Week opens at the Sheraton Hotel here Sunday.

Singapore Embassy Charge d'Affaires D. Murugan told *Arab News* that in order to create the popular "Garden City image" during the week, which will run through March 19, a demonstration of batik-making and Chinese brush paintings will be made along with other entertainment programs such as Bersila demonstration, a martial art; Malay traditional songs and music and an audio-visual show on "Singapore gets better and better".

Fresh-cut orchids, wax umbrellas and silk lanterns will enhance Singapore's "clean and green" image with its rich and varied cultural heritage, Murugan said.

The event is being jointly sponsored by the



Including entertainment programs

Singapore Tourist Promotion Board, Singapore Airlines, Singapore Embassy, Century Park Sheraton Singapore with Algoasabi Hotel and Yousef Ahmad Algoasabi in Dhabrah and with Al-Badr Jeddah Sheraton Hotel and Saudi Arabian Airlines. The event was held in Dhabrah on March 6-10.

On this occasion, a 23-member delegation specially flown in from Singapore includes STPB Asia Director Chui Seng Wah and its board member Osman Wok; arts performers and chefs specialized in Chinese, Malay and Indian food; and Century Park Sheraton executives and musicians. Some members of the National Association of Travel Agents in Singapore and the Singapore Hotel Association are also joining the promotion team, Murugan said.

"The close and friendly tie between the Kingdom and Singapore are indeed very strong and have stood the test of time," he added.

Embassy Commercial Attache Adnan Ramly said the trade relations between the two countries are growing fast. Singapore's exports to the Kingdom soared by 19.8 percent last year from SR1,756.6 million in 1981 to SR2,104.6 million in 1982. Its imports from Saudi Arabia totaled SR15.52 billion last year, leaving a huge trade gap of SR13.42 billion in favor of the Kingdom, he added.

He said as part of promoting trade, Singapore is sending trade missions to participate in exhibitions and fairs to develop closer links between the buyer and seller. Last year two Singaporean missions, one sponsored by the Ministry of Trade and another by the Singapore Manufacturers' Association, visited the Kingdom and participated in the Saudi Home and Leisure Fair. This year Singaporean manufacturers and exporters participated in the Saudi Food Show held in Riyadh in February and will take part in the Saudi Education and Business Fair in May, the Saudi Build Exhibition in October.

Singapore's main exports to the Kingdom include cereals and flour; spices; wood

shaped or worked; plywood veneer; iron pipes and fittings; civil engineering equipment parts; radio-broadcast receivers and gramophones; household goods; electrical machinery; aircraft, ships and boats; furniture; garments; footwear; plastic articles; jewelry; musical instruments and parts.

Ramly said besides being a tourist spot, Singapore has become one of the major attractions for investment by many multinational groups and industries. At the end of March last year, there were 431 big industries. These were: 97 petroleum, pharmaceutical and food companies; 33 textile, garment, printing and toys industries; 83 precision engineering, tools and office equipment industries; 71 oil field equipment, shipbuilding, automotive and engineering industries; 123 electronics and electrical companies; and 24 aerospace, medical, photographic and optical instrument industries.

Some of the major investors from the United States include Mobil, Esso, Caltex, Du Pont, American Marine, GEC, General Motors, Honeywell, ITT, Timex and Union Carbide. Those from Europe comprise Ciba Geigy, Dunlop, Montagut, Swiss Precision Industries, Wild, Metal Box, Thomson, Electrolux, Siemens, BBC Brown, and Philips. Some of the Japanese companies include Mitsui, Hitachi, Mitsubishi, Matsushita, D. Murugan

Japan Steel Works, Toyo Glass, Chiyoda, IHI, Kobe Steel, Nissan Motor, AIWA, Fuji and Sanyo.

"Foreign investors are attracted because we give them incentives to promote their products locally and overseas without duty," Ramly said.

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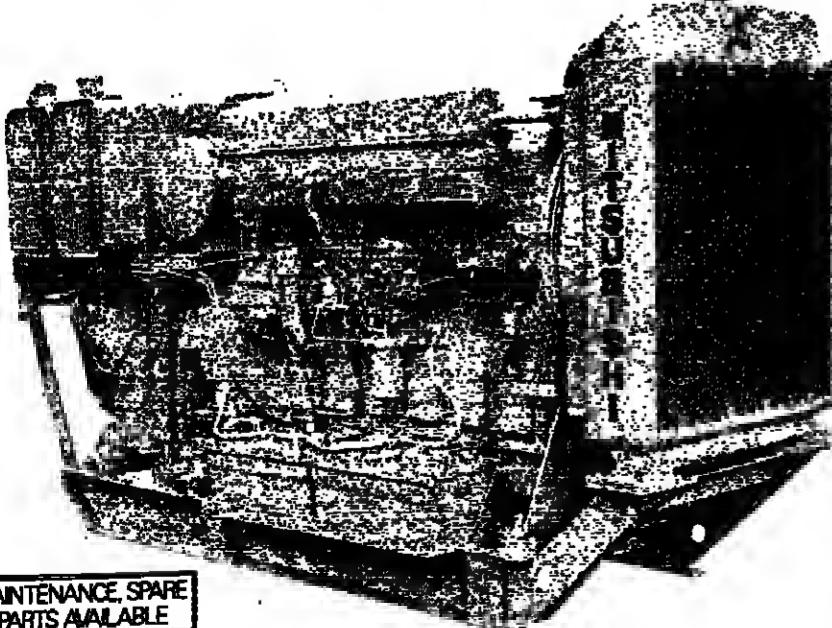
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U.S. can make Israel accept peace, Klibi says

TUNIS, March 12 (AP) — The United States is currently facing "a decisive and historic hour of choice" in the Middle East conflict, Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi said.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Klibi said Washington "can put Israel up against the wall and oblige it to make a definite choice. If Israel wants security, that is a problem which it can now be said can be solved."

If the United States, bearing the special responsibilities of a superpower, "wants to help a rapid and satisfactory solution of the Middle East problem, taking into account Israel's wish for security, there is no longer a problem," following the decisions of last September's Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, Klibi said.

Israel now "has only to accept an arrangement for a peaceful settlement conforming to international law, to the law laid down by the United Nations and by all the resolutions on the Palestinian problem, starting from that on partition," the Tunisian said.

The Palestinians, he said, "in that respect no longer have any reticence or mental restriction. They have said so very clearly in statements by their leaders, and in the first instance, by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But Klibi said that Israel "is only aiming at

expansion at the cost of Arab nation."

"We have never been so close to a possibility of peace" because the Arabs including the PLO have for the first time accepted the idea of a settlement under international law, he said.

"But we have never been so far from peace, because each time the Arabs take a step forward, Israel backs off under one pretext or another. It does not want a peace which means a withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza," Klibi said.

In Fez, he noted, there had been a consensus for "peaceful coexistence" between the states of the region. "That can develop positively toward other steps. What is important is to know what Israel wants."

He said all the league's efforts since the Camp David accord had been devoted to fighting the accords and demonstrating they were a calculated deception, in ignoring the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

President Reagan's new Middle East plan presented last Sept. 1 "recognized, in a certain way, the end of the Camp David (process)," Klibi said.

The Arab states now intended to concentrate all their efforts "on persuading Washington to accept for the Palestinian people a principle that it accepts for all the other problems posed worldwide: The right to self-determination."

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Soviets act to restore 'credibility'

DAMASCUS, March 12 (AP) — The Soviet Union has overcome doubt about Syria's longer term stability and upped its military and political commitment to President Hafez Assad's government.

Western diplomats say the Kremlin has poured in new arms, including long-range missile system, to restore Soviet credibility with the Arabs and boost the morale of Syria's armed forces.

The new Soviet leadership under Yuri Andropov, has decided to supply more arms to Syria after two secret visits to Moscow by Assad after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

First came a massive resupply of Syrian Army and Air Force, replacing all the war losses and increasing the weaponry in both quantity and quality. One diplomat said the Syrian Army now has an average 10 percent more armor than before Israel's invasion.

A senior Syrian military official, who has made repeated trips to Moscow, confirmed privately that the Soviets were trying to preserve a role in the area.

But the Syrian official said Andropov was still preoccupied with consolidating his power in Moscow and had not yet developed a new Middle East strategy. "The decision to send the SAM-5s preceded Andropov," he said, adding Syria turned to the Soviet Union because there were no sources of weapons open to them in the West.

Soviet involvement in Syria has been cautious, despite a treaty of friendship signed on Oct. 8, 1980. Soviet sources have said previously the government was concerned about the ultimate stability of Assad's government, which crushed a coup attempt as recently as January 1982 when an estimated 200 army officers were arrested.

Asked if Syria's government also faced a serious challenge from the fundamentalists that culminated in a bloody showdown in the north-central city of Hama in February 1982.

Tabatabai's escape rocks W. Germany

BONN, March 12 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher came under attack from his Christian Democratic (CDU) coalition partners over the case of a former Iranian deputy premier sentenced to jail in absentia.

A Dusseldorf court Friday sentenced Sadeq Tabatabai, 39, to three years in prison for smuggling 1.7 kg (3.75 pounds) of opium into the country on Jan. 8, but he avoided having to serve any of the term by flying back to Tehran hours before the verdict.

Deputy CDU parliamentary leader Benni Erhard said the Foreign Ministry was largely to blame for dragging out the case and enabling Tabatabai, a relative by marriage of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, to flee.

Genscher is already under fire from the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) for allegedly impeding justice.

Tabatabai was freed from custody last week by an ambar court which accepted Iran's assertion, endorsed by the Bonn Foreign Ministry, that he was a special envoy on a secret mission and thus entitled to diplomatic immunity.

The three countries have been meeting twice-weekly at low level since Dec. 28 to discuss an Israeli pullout and future relations, but the Washington meetings appear to signal a stepped-up U.S. involvement.

Lebanon, weakened by seven years of civil strife and foreign intervention, is relying on the U.S. to back it in resisting Israeli demands for normalization of relations which it feels will harm its ties with fellow Arab states.

Shamir told reporters that the U.S.-sponsored negotiations between Israel and Lebanon have "reached an important stage." He said Israel asked for the meetings "in an effort to find maximum understanding and coordination."

Shamir said that both the U.S. and Israeli governments seek an early withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and want to restore the independence and sovereignty of that country and to prevent the use of Lebanese territory for commando activities against Israel. "We hope that (this) identity of views ... will enable us to agree on the ways and means to reach the agreed goals," Shamir said.

Zia raps Moscow over Kabul

NEW DELHI, March 12 — (AP) President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan said Friday the Soviet Union still expects him to accept quietly its military intervention in Afghanistan but he cannot.

For settling the problem of Afghanistan and the presence of more than 100,000 Soviet troops there, "the answer lies in Moscow," rather than in talks between Pakistan and the Soviet-installed regime in Kabul, Zia told foreign correspondents. Zia said the main bone for a Russian pullout is for "the lessons of history to dawn on the Soviet Union — that you cannot subjugate the Afghans."

Asked what role the Kremlin expects Pakistan to play in resolving the Afghan crisis, Zia replied, "they expect me to keep quiet. To accept a fait accompli (accomplished fact) and don't shout, which I can't do."

"Not only is Pakistan against it, it is totally against international law," Zia continued. "How can you accept might being exercised as right in Afghanistan and keep quiet about it?"

Zia is here participating in the 7th nonaligned nations summit at which Pakistan had a big share in drafting both the economic and political declarations.

Afghanistan is also a member of the nonaligned movement but its objections to being named in the declaration were beaten down. The document calls for withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan and endorses efforts toward a political settlement under U.N. auspices.

But Zia reiterated that his government will not negotiate with Kabul as a legitimate regime. He said it is totally under Soviet domination and branded Afghan President Babrak Karmal as "window dressing — somebody to put in the show window." Everything Kabul does must be approved in Russia, he said.

Recalling his talk with Soviet Communist Party leader Yuri Andropov at the funeral last year in Moscow of Andropov's predecessor, Leonid Brezhnev, Zia said: "there are signs ... I am optimistic of a change in Soviet policy." This was a "fifty-fifty" assessment, based half on the facts of the situation and half on Zia's own "optimistic nature," the president said.

He refuted the frequent Soviet charges that Pakistan interferes across its border with Afghanistan, saying that he has told the Soviets, "if you think Pakistan is interfering, seal the borders. You have 100,000 men (troops) there. Bring in more than 100,000 and you'll find that you can't seal them," Zia said, adding: "They agreed with me."

Zia said "two or three years" of army rule are still needed in Pakistan to "find the modalities so that we can stabilize the structure" of the government. He said the structure is lacking because in its 35 years of independence the country has constantly experimented with different systems such as "presidential, prime minister, democracy, elections, martial law..."



President Zia

Eritrean front kills 90 Ethiopian soldiers

BAHRAN, March 12 (R) — Eritrean freedom fighters killed 90 Ethiopian soldiers and destroyed a government arms depot in renewed fighting in the western mountainous region of the Red Sea province of Eritrea, a resistance spokesman said.

Osman Abu Bakr, spokesman for the Eritrean Liberation Front People's Liberation Front (ELF-PLF), told the Qatari News Agency in Doha Friday that Ethiopian government troops had sent 20,000 soldiers to the battle zone west of the city of Barentu.

He added Soviet-backed Ethiopian forces were still bombing Eritrean cities and villages inflicting heavy losses.

Abu Bakr told the agency three villages west of Barentu had been demolished by the raids and their inhabitants had fled the area.

Major battles have been reported recently between Ethiopia and the resistance forces fighting for Eritrea's independence for the past 20 years.

BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Six persons were killed and 15 others injured in a head-on collision Friday between a passenger van and a lorry truck in Mirpur in Pakistani-administered Kashmir. Eight of the injured were reported to be in serious condition. Police said the accident occurred when the driver of the van lost control of his vehicle.

MADRID (AP) — Spain's Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez will visit Morocco March 28 and 29 at a time when relations between the two countries are strained, the Spanish Foreign Affairs Ministry announced Friday. Gonzalez was scheduled to confer with King Hassan and top officials of the Moroccan government.

NEW DELHI (R) — Libya's No. 2 man, Abdul Salam Jalloud, accused Sudan Saturday of raising the specter of a Libyan invasion to get more money from the United States. He denied charges by Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri last month that Libya planned attacks inside Sudan or massed troops on the border.

PARIS (AFP) — Three humanitarian medical groups protested a top Afghan official's claim that French Doctor Philippe Augoyard, captured last January by Afghan and Soviet troops, had admitted to being a spy.

WASHINGTON (R) — Congressmen Friday urged Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to reach agreement with Israel over releasing military data on how effective U.S.-supplied arms are against Soviet-made weapons in Lebanon.

PARIS (R) — France and Libya, whose relations have been soured since 1980 following Libyan intervention in Chad, plan to increase their ties considerably, French officials said after five days of bilateral talks here.

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Israeli troops fire on Palestinian protesters

TEL AVIV, March 12 (Agencies) — Police gunfire wounded a Palestinian Arab youth Saturday and an Israeli civilian was injured as Palestinian agitators threw stones on Jewish extremists in occupied Jerusalem's Old City, said police spokesman Ziv Rotem.

Some disturbances also were reported in occupied West Bank as Palestinians threw stones at Israeli cars in Nablus and Ramallah, the military command said.

The troubles erupted a day after Israeli authorities announced they had failed an attempt by Jewish extremists to take over the site of Al-Aqsa Mosque. Police Commander Yehoshua Caspi, said the action could have resulted in "a most serious conflagration" between Arabs and Jews.

Israel radio said there also was a partial school strike in occupied Jerusalem's Arab sector.

The stoning incidents occurred only a few hundred yards from the target of the Jewish extremists who were arrested after midnight Thursday. Forty-five were arrested, but two were released later.

Policemen said some in the group were armed with submachine guns, and others had axes

and shovels to break in through ancient underground passages to the Muslim-administered sacred compound.

Israeli authorities condemned the extremist takeover attempt, and Interior Minister Yosef Burg met with Muslim notables Friday to assure them Israel would not permit such violations.

Tension has been mounting on the West Bank this week, where incidents between Jewish settlers and the Arab population have become more violent as well as more frequent from day to day.

Contributing to the tension all through the week were various provocative moves by Jewish settlers, stone-throwing Palestinian youths, and demonstrations by Palestinians against a visit by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. As a result, the Israeli authorities have clamped down a curfew on a good part of the West Bank.

Particularly explosive appeared to be the situation in Hebron, the main Arab center of the West Bank's south, where Jewish extremist groups are claiming the right to occupy the historic site of the city, and on occasion have actually expelled some of the Arab residents there.

Thursday, an Arab home in Hebron was

ransacked, and for several days, Jewish settlers have been firing volleys at Arab houses at night.

The military authorities, while officially condemning the excesses of the settlers, have taken no actual measures so far to re-establish order.

On the contrary, observers noted, the new Israeli minister of Defense, Moshe Arens, said Wednesday at Hebron that it was out of the question to deprive the settlers of bearing arms. At the same time, the minister announced severe sanctions against Palestinian protesters.

Despite the tension, the government here announced the imminent establishment of eight more Jewish settlements with the first to be set up at Nabulus, the major Arab city of the West Bank's north, in an area that is most militantly opposed to the Israeli military occupation.

The announcement marked another stage in the speeded up "Judaization" of the West Bank pursued by the government of Premier Menahem Begin, in defiance of the Arab resistance it is bound to trigger.

Begin's settlement policy was in the center of conversations held by ex-President Carter with the mayors of Bethlehem and Gaza.

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U.S. delays decision on Chinese defector

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12 (AP) — U.S. immigration officials delayed a decision Friday on Chinese defector Hu Na's diplomatic troublesome political asylum request and the 19-year-old tennis star went to Washington to seek support.

El Salvador rejects offer of mediation

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 12 (Agencies) — El Salvador's government has rejected the offer of Costa Rica's President Luis Alberto Monge to mediate between it and El Salvador's leftist guerrillas, it was reported here.

The evening newspaper *La Prensa Libre* quoted Salvadoran government spokesman Alfonso Salazar as saying: "We have nothing to negotiate, nothing to have a dialogue about." The presidential election to be held before Dec. 31 "constitutes the most appropriate formula" to resolve the crisis, he said.

But in Madrid, France's roving Ambassador to Latin America Antoine Blanca asserted that he found a willingness to negotiate among a number of El Salvador's Army officers, government officials, businessmen and churchmen. And Blanca said after conferring with Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran, that Paris and Madrid both hoped for a negotiated settlement in El Salvador.

In Washington, Col. Sigifrido Ochoa denied a U.S. press report that he would be one of the candidates for president in the election. Col. Ochoa was a provincial commander until he mutinied against El Salvador's Defense Minister six weeks ago, accusing him of being soft in fighting the rebels. That rift in the army was patched up by appointing the colonel military attache in the Washington embassy.

Meanwhile, El Salvador's most prominent right-wing leader, Roberto d'Aubuisson, has called for the participation of left-wing guerrilla representatives in presidential elections scheduled for December. "We are looking for the participation of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) in the forthcoming elections so that they will be open for all political groups without exception," d'Aubuisson told a meeting of business leaders Thursday.

But d'Aubuisson, president of the 60-seat Constituent Assembly here, made no mention of guarantees for the safety of leftists participating in the elections.

Miss Hu, emerging from seclusion and breaking her silence after eight months, and her attorney, Edward C.Y. Lau, met with five members of Congress in an effort to bring pressure on the State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"We've had nothing but support from the congressmen we've spoken with, and the word from government officials is that the wheels are turning and we should get a decision next week," Lau said in a telephone interview from Washington.

Miss Hu and Lau say they don't want to make public her specific motives because they want to avoid embarrassing China and irritating U.S. officials. "We want to make everything constructive," Lau said. "We don't want to go around blasting the government or the Chinese because we realize it is a very difficult case."

"It's very important that people understand that we don't want to do anything to harm relations between our country and China," Lau continued. "This is one woman's personal experience. She doesn't want to hurt anybody, and doesn't want to be seen as a political symbol."

The government has been trying to reconcile its dilemma in the case of this young woman who says she has no strong political beliefs yet fears persecution if she returns home.

If the United States approves the application, it risks further strains in relations with China. If immigration rejects her asylum bid, it risks an inquiry by several congressmen and a certain challenge in court by Miss Hu's attorneys.

The case already has received attention at the highest levels in China and the United States.

Secretary of State George Shultz was confronted with Chinese dismay about the case during a visit to Peking last month. After a meeting with Premier Zhao Ziyang, Shultz said they had discussed the problem of defecting athletes and performers.

That the Chinese would raise the issue amid discussions on such important topics as bilateral trade, high technology transfers and arms sales to Taiwan, underscores the importance they place on it.

Last week, the House Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations grilled Undersecretary of State Elliott Abrams about the delay in the decision. U.S. law states that cases of this type must be handled speedily, on an individual basis and without concern for political implications.

"If, in fact, the Chinese authorities have played a role in influencing either the decision to be made or the timing of it, the propriety of the conduct of our own government is suspect," Lau said before leaving San Francisco with Miss Hu on Thursday.

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TV filming of human torch sparks row

JACKSONVILLE, Alabama, March 12 (AP) — The conduct of a television crew which last Friday filmed an attempt by an unemployed man to burn himself to death to protest unemployment has outraged many Americans and touched off an angry debate over journalists' professional ethics.

When Cecil Andrews, 37, called local WHMA-TV four times to say he would set himself on fire at 10:00 p.m. in the town square the station manager took him seriously and,

Williams leaves most to university

KEY WEST, Florida, March 12 (AP) — The will of American playwright Tennessee Williams leaves the income from his estimated \$10 million estate to a small Tennessee university to promote innovative writing and aid needy authors.

Williams, who died Feb. 25 at the age of 71, instructed in his will that income from his estate create the Walter E. Dakin memorial fund, in memory of Williams' grandfather, who enrolled at Sewanee in 1895. The document was filed here and made public Thursday.

"It's really beautiful," said Robert Ayres, president of the university of the south, a small liberal arts college at Sewanee, Tennessee.

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purposes of encouraging creative writing and creative writers in need of financial assistance..."

The author of "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "The Glass Menagerie" was close to his grandfather, priest who died at 98 in 1955. The chairman of Harvard University's creative writing department is to help administer the fund, Williams wrote.

Williams' will, written in September 1980 and slightly modified last September, also requests that income from the estate be used to care for his 73-year-old sister, Rose, who now lives at New York's sanitarium. She received a lobotomy when she was 24.

Williams' brother, Dakin Williams, a lawyer, was left \$25,000 to be collected after their sister dies.

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...as well as notifying police, sent a TV crew to the appointed spot.

Police arrived a little early but, finding no one, left after three quarters of an hour believing it had been a bad joke. The TV crew, who said they were late because of car trouble, arrived a short time later and were approached by Andrews.

The team, cameraman Ronald Simmons, 30, and lighting operator Gary Harris, 18, said they attempted to delay the man since

they thought that police, who they believed to be hiding nearby, would intervene.

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Soviets put flag on isle, suspects U.K. paper

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — A newspaper reported Saturday that it may have been Soviets — not Argentines — who landed last year on the British island of Thule, bailed down the British flag and ran up the Argentine flag.

The Daily Mail said the prime suspect was the Soviet electronic spy ship *Akademik Karpov*, which was in the area at the time attempting to intercept radio communications between ships of Britain's South Atlantic task force.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Friday that Argentine forces made the sneak landing last year on the uninhabited British island dependency 1,300 miles southeast of the Falkland Islands.

"It's a long way away and it must have been an Argentine ship calling there to put their flag up. We don't know," she said, following a report about the affair Friday morning in another British newspaper, *The Daily Express*.

The British Defense Ministry, confirming *The Daily Express* report that it was the Argentines, said the landing was discovered when a British survey ship *HMS Hecate* visited the tiny island on Dec. 19, six months after fighting ended on the Falklands on June 14. Thule is part of the British-ruled South Sandwich Islands, which are claimed by Argentina like the Falklands and the dependency of South Georgia also in the South Atlantic.

The Daily Mail said there were suspicions the landing on Thule was carried out by the Soviets, "but whether it was to amuse them or annoy us was anybody's guess.... What makes intelligence chiefs believe it was not the Argentines who made the sneak raid was the Union Jack clue."

"Virtually undamaged, it was found neatly folded away under a rock near the flagpole — hardly the reaction of raiders still smarting from their Falklands defeat."

"Furthermore, no Argentine ships were reported near the Sandwich Islands at the end of June or beginning of July when the raid is thought to have taken place. The Ministry of Defense kept quiet about the raid, waiting to see whether the Argentines made propaganda use of it. They didn't."

A Defense Ministry spokesman would not comment on the *Mail* report.

Meanwhile, the Argentine Navy Friday described as "whimsical and totally without foundation" the British Defense Ministry report that Argentine forces had landed last year on the uninhabited island of Thule.



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U.S. plans radar in Honduras to monitor Nicaraguan planes

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — The United States plans to establish a far-seeing radar station in Honduras to track small planes suspected of carrying arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador's leftist rebels, U.S. Defense Department officials said.

The disclosure came Friday after senior defense officials reported that airborne arms traffic between Nicaragua and El Salvador has "picked up in recent months."

The new radar station, which would be manned by 50 to 52 U.S. Air Force personnel, probably will be described officially as intended for the safety of U.S. air traffic over Honduras.

However, these officials made it plain that the new station's main purpose is to monitor suspected airborne arms flights from Nicaragua across Honduras to El Salvador.

These officials, who insisted on remaining anonymous, said the radar equipment can "see" more than 240 miles and this will

enable it to survey much of Nicaragua's air space.

According to plans, the official said, the radar station will be installed on high ground about 25 miles southeast of Tegucigalpa and will cost about \$5 million. The intention now is to operate it for about two years, they said.

Senior defense officials have reported that more arms shipments from Nicaragua have been shifted to small planes because the Honduran government has developed "a pretty good interdictio program" to slow down clandestine arms movements on the ground and by water across the Gulf of Fonseca.

Honduran patrols have been stopping trucks carrying arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador and both Honduran and Salvadoran patrol boats have impeded water traffic and arms from Nicaragua.

Presumably information gathered by the new radar station on suspected arms — carry-

ing planes will be relayed to the Salvadoran military, although this was not said specifically by the defense officials.

The United States has been increasing aid to Honduras because of what Nestor Sanchez, Central American chief in the department, has told Congress is a "major buildup by neighboring Nicaragua and the continued violation of Honduran borders and territory by the Sandinistas' ruling Nicargua."

The establishment of the U.S. radar station would be in line with hopes expressed by senior U.S. military officials for greater cooperation between friendly Latin countries and the United States to deal with Marxist rebel movements.

In line with this goal, senior officers said in private interviews that they are eager that other countries, possibly Honduras and Venezuela, agree to help train troops from El Salvador on their territory

have loved to come back to Britain.

Pincher said Maclean was "a pathetic figure, a real fish out of water. He'd never been to the Soviet Union. He was terrified of going there ... but he was forced by the KGB to go because they knew he would break down if he was interrogated."

In Moscow, the body of Donald Maclean, honored by the Soviet state as a "faithful son and citizen," was cremated Friday after a short civil ceremony.

His death was announced to the Soviet public in the official newspaper *Izvestia*, which hailed "Donald Donaldovich Maclean" as "a man of high moral qualities, and a convinced Communist."

Andrew Boyle, author of *Climate of Treason*, the 1979 book that unmasked royal adviser Anthony Blunt as the fourth spy in a ring that included Maclean, Burgess and Harold "Kim" Philby, said Maclean was a sad figure. "He was an old man, and I think he was ready to die. He never really settled down to life in the East. I believe he would

have been asked by people who were involved in the case that there was never any intention of prosecuting," Pincher said in a British Broadcasting Corp. interview. "The diplomatic effects and political effects of prosecuting a man like that in 1951 would have been regarded as too horrendous."

"You must remember that Maclean in particular was the first sort of establishment person to be found to be a traitor, and it was unthinkable that anybody of that nature, born to privilege and prestige, the son of a cabinet minister, could ever do such a thing."

Fitzgerald invites Ulster leaders for parleys

DUBLIN, Ireland, March 12 (AP) — Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald Friday invited Northern Ireland leaders to meet with the Irish Republic's politicians to seek "new structures" to end 12 1/2 years of violence in the British-ruled province.

The Irish coalition government's spokesman, Peter Prendergast, said the talks would be open to "all democratic parties who reject violence" and have elected members in the Dublin Parliament and Northern Ireland's five-month-old Provincial Assembly.

That ruled out participation by Sinn Fein,

political front for the underground Provisional Irish Republican Army. Sinn Fein won five seats on the 78-member Northern Ireland Assembly last October.

The almost exclusively Roman Catholic "Provos," fighting to end British rule in the province and reunite it with the republic after 61 years of partition, are outlawed on both sides of the border.

Fitzgerald's call came amid a fresh upsurge of violence in Northern Ireland. In west Belfast, hooded gunmen shot Eamon "Hatchet" Kerr, a reputed top gunman for the IRA's

dormant Marxist "official" wing, early Friday, police reported. Police said they suspected Kerr was shot in an internal official IRA feud over money.

Meanwhile, the Irish Republic's invitation to Northern Irish political parties met with a frigid reception in Ulster. All the Northern Irish parties flatly rejected the Dublin government's proposal except the Social Democratic Liberal Party (SDLP) of moderate Catholics. About two-thirds of Ulster's 1.500,000 persons are Protestants, mainly British loyalists.

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WEST BERLIN, March 12 (R) — West Germany became the first Western nation to authorize clinical use of the drug Interferon, widely hailed as an antidote against cancer. But the Federal Health Office said Friday the controversial drug, which is being marketed under the name Fibiferon, can only be used by hospitals to treat severe cases of shingles (herpes zoster).

Fibiferon GMBH, the producer, said it will begin full production of the substance in the next few months. The company said it will also supply Interferon to certain university hospitals for continuing tests on patients with various other virus infections and cancer.

Elizabeth back

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip arrived at London's Heathrow Airport from Vancouver late Friday night. Buckingham Palace reported.

Their arrival marked the end of a 25-day official visit that took them from the Caribbean to the west coast of the United States and Canada.

BRIEFS

NEW DELHI (AFP) — About 350 persons from the Bohra Muslim community have been admitted to a government hospital in Madhya Pradesh in central India with symptoms of food poisoning. Press Trust of India reported Friday. Within hours after a community wedding feast, at least 450 persons showed symptoms of food poisoning and most of them began to vomit. The cause of the poisoning had not yet been determined.

ROME (AFP) — All but one of the 33

members of Italy's Civil Servants Board are under a judicial investigation concerning the embezzlement of state revenues, an informed source here said. Only Italian President Sandro Pertini, who also serves as head of the board, has been excluded from the investigation, the source said. The charge of embezzling state revenues is punishable in Italy by three to 10 years in prison.

LONDON (AP) — Author Arthur Koestler and his wife were cremated Friday at London's Mortlake crematorium at which excerpts from his writings on life and death were read. The two were found dead after they took an overdose of barbiturates in an apparent suicide pact. Some 30 of Koestler's friends and literary colleagues listened Friday to a reading from a preface that the philosopher and author wrote for a pamphlet issued by Britain's Voluntary Euthanasia Society. In it, Koestler wrote of trying to overcome "the fear of the process of dying and the agony of the transition to that state." He said, "Euthanasia is more than the administration of a lethal analgesic. It is a means of reconciling man with his destiny."

GENEVA, Switzerland, (AP) — A senior British diplomat, Viscount Colville of Culross, was appointed Friday to take charge of a United Nations inquiry into the human rights situation in Guatemala. Viscount Colville has also headed a working group which has been reviewing for the commission the problem of "involuntary disappearances," the abduction of thousands of political dissidents, especially in Latin America, who were later reported missing.

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa (R) — Three persons were slightly injured Friday night when a bomb exploded near a passenger train outside this central South African city, railway police said Saturday.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the explosion, the third around Bloemfontein this year. A bomb blast damaged a railway bridge in January and last month one man

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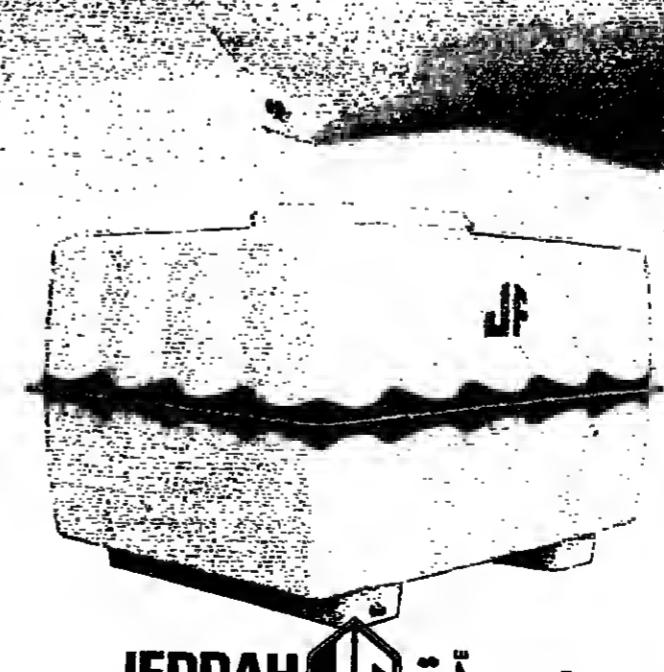
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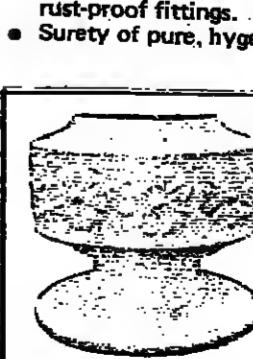
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3rd World radio network helps farmers

By Rita Fendi

MANILA (Deptnews) — Deep in Botswana, in southern Africa, a farmer takes the ash from his hearth and sprinkles it through grain harvested from his fields. The wood ash repels beetles and other insects that usually destroy his grain stores. When he needs some, he simply winnows out the ashes and the grain is ready for use. The Botswanan farmer learned the technique from his forefathers; the tradition neatly sidesteps the need for expensive modern insecticides.

But what is important is that since 1979 this tradition is now practiced in Mexico, in India, in South America; in fact in any of 103 Third World countries where this method could be applied. The agent of this change is a radio network that operates out of an office in Toronto, Canada, and a farmhouse in nearby Oakville, Ontario. It's called the Developing Countries Farm Radio Network (DCFRN).

George Atkins, a former farm broadcaster for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., is its founding director. Its purpose, he says, is to gather information throughout the developing world to help increase the food supply of the subsistence farmer, the man and his family producing food on holdings of half an acre to two or three acres.

There are three ways to increase the food supply: through production, by decreasing loss after production, and by more efficient use of the food produced. DCFRN attempts

all three, by gathering information and ideas from developing countries and passing it along to other countries in the form of audio cassettes and tapes, about every three months.

The overseas farm broadcaster studies the 10 or 12 items in each package, and by looking at the accompanying illustrations and following the script, can understand the content of the tapes. The local farm commentator, Atkins says, knows enough English to be able to translate the tapes and pass the ideas on to his or her listeners in their native language.

Atkins is constantly surprised by the ingenuity of people with few means. He points to the Philippines as an example. Their analysis of grain germination content is simple, but effective. This is an important factor for any farmer, who must know how much of the grain he must plant to do so efficiently. If he has only a 50 percent germination rate, then he must plant twice as much as the field would normally need.

The Filipino farmer takes a handful of seed from the top, middle and bottom of his bushel or sack, mixes it, and then places 100 seeds on a square piece of muslin 10 yards across and 10 down, about two centimeters apart. Then he takes a bamboo stick and rolls the cloth up, and places it in the shade, keeping the cloth damp. After five days the farmer unrolls the cloth and counts the seeds that have sprouted, and thereby calculates his germination percentage. If only 75 seeds have

sprouted, then the germination rate is 75 percent.

In constant search for new ideas and audiences, Atkins spent a month in the People's Republic of China in late 1982. He notes with a chuckle: "China has been in gear for a long time without outside influence, and many excellent, simple techniques have been developed...by the farmers over many centuries."

Take containers for tomato seedlings, for instance. As Atkins points out, the idea of using plastic or even cardboard cups to develop the seeds is unthinkable. These containers cost too much. Instead, the Chinese farmer mixes cattle dung in equal proportion with good soil, molds it into a ball with the seed in the middle, and shaves off the bottom.

While Atkins picked up an abundance of information to share with other DCFRN participants, he wasn't quite as fortunate in selling DCFRN to the bureaucracy in China. Again he chuckles as he notes: Before he left Canada, Atkins had three items from previous shows translated into Chinese on a cassette. One was the germination test. Another dealt with rat control. The third dealt with growing rice on a raft when one doesn't own land. Atkins learned this from a farmer in Bangladesh.

He played the tape and showed the scripts to various Chinese government officials. They seemed intrigued, Atkins said, with the idea of exchanging information that would be

of benefit to other Third World farmers. "If they can see they can help us — this is part of their government policy right now. They want to help other countries and here's a way that's ready-made for them to do it."

In fact, the deputy director of the Information Institute for the Chinese Academy of Agriculture Science gave Atkins current publications of their own farm magazines to take back to Canada. And he has agreed to publish some of DCFRN's scripts in Chinese farm newspapers. Atkins is delighted, but would prefer to see DCFRN information on the airwaves.

Some DCFRN information is now reaching China by shortwave radio. One agency in California broadcasts in both Mandarin and Cantonese, and Radio Australia broadcasts all over Southeast Asia, in Chinese. Atkins says that within two months, Radio Australia received 210,000 letters from listeners in China.

As a result, Atkins is optimistic that the Chinese farmer will benefit from DCFRN, whether through bulletins in the government farm paper, via shortwave, or perhaps, in the near future, over government radio.

Atkins developed the idea of DCFRN in 1975, when he was loaned by the CBC to the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association for a workshop at the University of Zambia. He and two other farm commentators from BBC and All India Radio worked with broadcasters from all over Africa.

The result was the birth of DCFRN in 1979 as a public service project of the farm machinery company, Massey Ferguson Ltd. While the company still provides free office space and the use of its secretaries, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) now fully funds the project, to the tune of \$125,000 annually.

Atkins, at 65, prefers to work out of his farmhouse in Oakville. But he keeps in constant touch with his five full-time staff members, who help transcribe tapes, draw the illustrations and translate the text. The University of Guelph, Canada's main agricultural university, provides translators and tapes on which to edit the material.

The service is free, provided the material is used to help farmers increase their food supplies. And it is not just limited to farm broadcasters, says Atkins. DCFRN participants include teachers, government aid agencies and international development offices.

The presentation of the information also varies. On the radio it may be straight commentary, scripted dialogue or unscripted drama. Other possibilities include film strips, puppet shows, posters; anything, according to Atkins, that will help the subsistence farmer understand.

While Atkins works toward having the information broadcast, his main concern is that the farmer understand and benefit from the program, which is unique.



Tactile Image Generator

This machine about which a brief writeup was carried by Arab News (March, 10) enables blind people to read books, newspapers, magazines and even clear handwriting by scanning lines of words and reproducing them faithfully for the reader to feel. The Tactile Image Generator is now being tested at the University of Bristol, Britain, where it was developed. As it "copies" what is written on the paper, the blind can quickly learn to read in most languages and recognize numbers and mathematical symbols without learning Braille.

The camera unit (top) contains an integrated circuit with linear array of photodiodes. As it scans the page, electronic signals are transmitted to solenoid-controlled rods which raise or lower 8640 metal pins

around the glass fiber reading disc. Enlarged or in relief, the actual letters or numbers on the page are reproduced for the blind reader to feel. As the scanner tracks across the page, the words form around the disc. As it moves new letters are added and old ones deleted, but the disc can be stopped for the reader to check words before they are deleted.

The TIG, which has a maximum reading speed of 20 to 30 words per minute, was developed following an enquiry by two blind persons in Bristol who wanted to read complete words instead of the individual letters offered by other systems. The project received assistance from Britain's Royal National Institute for the Blind and the National Research and Development Corporation.

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To make a long story short, most of the medicine was discontinued. Within a month my father was as mentally alert as ever. No more senility. I wonder how many other older patients have been labeled senile prematurely. —*Mrs. Y.*

Dear Mrs. Y.: Your father's case is one of many which prove that what seems to be mental deterioration may not be a permanent condition. Every elderly patient suspected of having Alzheimer's or any other serious condition in the brain deserves to be carefully studied before being hopelessly abandoned.

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Bravo NAM

The best resolution to come out of the New Delhi Nonalignment Movement — NAM — summit is the one calling for an international tribunal to try the Zionist state for crimes against the Palestinian people in all the territories that it has occupied since its inception in 1948. The trial should be able to focus attention on the atrocities that Israel has committed over the years and about which many in the West and East either do not know or have been kept in the dark by biased media reporting. With Jewish interests controlling much of the media in the West, fearless reporting about Israel is a fantasy. Much of the stuff published gives either the Israeli point of view or seeks to vilify the Arabs "who want to throw the poor small Jewish state into the sea."

There is so much to reveal about these atrocities and about outright annexation of Palestinian and Arab territories, that the trial may take months and produce monumental volumes of text and testimony to serve generations of future writers about the Palestinian tragedy.

Israel may feign nonchalance and dismiss the whole thing as a futile exercise which cannot affect it. The U.S. government and media are bound to denounce the resolution and will certainly condemn the 101 states which supported it.

However, the effects of such an international trial under worldwide spotlight should not be minimized. It is a victory for the Palestinian struggle and the nonaligned nations in New Delhi ought to be congratulated on an act of collective courage. We say Bravo NAM.

Saudi Arabian press review

Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's speech at the nonaligned summit in New Delhi was the main topic of comment in newspapers Saturday.

Writing on the subject, Al-Madain said the Kingdom's economic and political strategy towards Arab, regional and international issues is neither pro-Western nor pro-Eastern. It said Prince Saud's speech focused on all problems threatening the world's security, stability and peace. The address received worldwide attention and clearly highlighted the causes of global tension and rivalries, it added.

Al-Yawm said the Kingdom's political and economic strategy towards Arab, regional and international issues had truly reflected the independence of the Saudi decision-makers. It added that Prince Saud's address had reflected this strategy and reaffirmed support for Arab and Islamic causes.

Al-Yawm said the Kingdom had reassured its unwavering stand before two-thirds of the world represented at the nonaligned summit.

Al-Nadwa warned of Zionist plots against Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem in particular and Islamic holy places in occupied Arab territories in general. It affirmed that Jewish attempts to break into the mosque and desecrate it constituted the "biggest challenge to Muslims (SPA).

It said the various forms of violence and organized crime perpetrated by the Jews through extremist groups had the advance sanctioning of the Zionists authorities in Tel Aviv. "Such practices included burning, armed attacks, planting of bombs and trying to settle in the mosque compound," the paper added.

Al-Nadwa stressed that the crimes would not stop "unless the criminals are certain that the Arab and Islamic nation is capable of defending its dignity and holy sites."

Al-Riyad wondered about the American attitude toward Israel after its "persistence in trying to obstruct the mission of French troops in Lebanon and creating a crisis with American forces." It said the Arabs had offered the maximum flexibility and peaceful overtures, and even the Palestine commando movement had expressed a desire to enter into a direct dialogue with America at a time and place of its choice.

Al-Jazirah called for a change in the course of the tripartite negotiations on withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon. It said Israel would not abandon its "preferred bargaining tactics" and would accept nothing short of a political victory ensuring the expansionist aims behind the military aggression on Lebanon. (SPA)

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Delhi summit urges superpowers to end arms race

NEW DELHI — The following is the text of "the New Delhi message," an appeal to the great powers, issued Saturday by the seventh summit of nonaligned countries.

1. Our world is increasingly turbulent and insecure. International economic relations continue to be characterized by inequality, domination and exploitation. The gravity of the situation is evident in the intensification of the arms race, in the resistance of the strong to the initiatives for change in favor of the weak, in great power involvement in regional conflicts and in the threat of a worldwide nuclear catastrophe.

2. Peace and peaceful co-existence, independence, disarmament and development are the central issues of our time. But peace must be based on justice and equality because the intolerable inequality and exploitation established by colonialism and imperialism remain the most important causes of tension, conflict and violence in the world.

3. We, the heads of state or government of nonaligned countries, appeal to the great powers to halt the arms race which is consuming, at an ever-increasing rate, the scarce material resources of our planet, destroying the ecological balance and wasting much of our finest scientific talent to sterile and destructive pursuits. These should be used to revitalize and restructure the world economy. The resources released by measures of disarmament should be diverted to promote the development of developing countries.

4. The nonaligned countries, speaking for the majority of the world community, want an immediate halt to the drift toward nuclear conflict which threatens not only the well-being of humanity in our times but of future generations as well. The nuclear weapon powers must heed this voice of the people of the world. From all indications, 1983 may be a crucial year for nuclear disarmament. We urge the nuclear weapon powers to adopt urgent and practical measures for the prevention of nuclear war. They should agree on an international convention

prohibiting the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons in any circumstances and stop further production and deployment of nuclear weapons. It is also essential that they observe existing arms limitation agreements while seeking to negotiate broader and more effective programs leading to general and complete disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, under international supervision.

5. The world economic crisis, which originated in some of the major industrialized countries, has now become truly global in character and scope. In developed countries, it has led to economic stagnation and rising unemployment to which they have reacted by adopting protectionist and other inward-looking policies. In developing countries, whose economies are specially vulnerable, it has led to enormous浩劫 of payments deficits, mounting debt burdens and worsening terms due to the steep fall in their commodity prices and to the sharp rise in the prices of industrial products which they have to import. All this has brought many of these countries to the brink of disaster.

6. Never before have the economic fortunes of the developed and developing nations been so closely linked together. Yet, many rich nations of the world are turning in the midst of this common crisis to the catastrophic unilateralism of the 1920s and 1930s rather than to enlightened multilateralism. They still refuse to recognize that the economic revival of the North is simply not possible without the economic survival of the South. Solutions to these problems must necessarily be global.

7. The present crisis has demonstrated the inadequacy of the existing international economic order to deal with the problems of development. A thorough-going restructuring of this order through a process of global negotiations can be launched without delay. Nonaligned countries are committed to strive for the establishment of the new international economic order based on justice and equity.

8. Concurrently, immediate measures must be

taken to start a process of recovery and to bring the world economy back to the path of sustained growth. The activation and stimulation of the growth process in the developing countries must be a key objective of this endeavor. Immediate measures are needed in several areas. Special emphasis must be placed on enabling developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, to solve their acute balance of payments problems without interrupting their development process. At the same time, satisfaction of their basic needs of food and energy, enhanced access to markets and fair prices for commodities must be ensured. Protectionist trends must be reversed and immediate measures to dismantle trade barriers implemented. It is necessary to put an end to unequal exchange between developed and developing countries. Besides, many developing countries are in a tragic situation because of their inability to meet their debt obligations. This serious problem should be urgently addressed.

9. We propose the immediate convening of an international conference on money and finance for development, with universal participation, and a comprehensive restructuring of the international monetary and financial system.

10. We are deeply concerned about the tensions and confrontations between the great powers and their disturbing effects on nonaligned countries. We are determined to resist nationalism and political pressures that might be exerted by any great power against small and vulnerable states.

11. Urgent political issues, such as the pressing need to restore to the brave Palestinian people who are waging a heroic struggle against Israeli forces, their inalienable right to establish a national sovereign state of their own in accordance with U.N. resolutions, the withdrawal of Israel from Jerusalem, occupied Palestine and Arab territories and from Lebanon, the independence of Namibia to be achieved by the speedy implementation of Security Council Resolution 435, the need to achieve

Spain's Socialist government completes 100 days

By Susana Linarez

MADRID —

Spain's first Socialist government since the Civil War has passed the 100-day mark with its moderate image largely intact and ample room to maneuver for the future.

The military, an erratic influence in Spanish politics since the return to parliamentary democracy in 1977, has remained in the barracks under socialism, despite the assassination of a top general by Basque terrorists shortly after the Socialist victory last October. Opposition critics on the right claim the Feb. 23 government takeover of Rumasa, the country's largest holding company with 60,000 employees and an extensive role in Spain's economy, revealed the true nature of the Socialists' designs. But political and economic observers here do not expect further expropriations.

At the time of the takeover, Economy and Finance Minister Miguel Boyer said Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's government was not "bent on expropriation." He said the action was taken to protect the interests of employees, investors and

stockholders of the Byzantine financial empire that accounted for 1.8 percent of the gross national product last year.

The Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) won a sweeping victory in general elections last Oct. 28 on a moderate platform. The only proposed nationalization was of the country's high-tension electricity grid.

Municipal elections scheduled for May 8, together with polls the same day or a week later to elect 784 members of 13 new autonomous regional legislatures, are expected to provide the first indication of how the Spanish voting public feels about the Socialist performance. The liberal Spanish press has applauded the Gonzalez government's efforts to reform the sluggish state bureaucracy for completing the process of creating autonomous regions throughout the country and for drafting legislation that would streamline and modernize the top-heavy military organization.

The same press, however, has found proposed legislation to decriminalize abortion much too limited. The conservative, Roman Catholic and right-wing press, on the other hand, says the same

legislation would unleash a plethora of social evils.

The main opposition Popular Alliance, with 106 seats in the lower house of parliament — the Socialists have a comfortable majority of 202 of the 350 seats — says it will seek to have the abortion bill declared unconstitutional. It has already done so for the legislation authorizing the Rumasa expropriation.

The Socialists have done less well in living up to their election promise to create 800,000 jobs over the next four years in a country with more than 2 million unemployed, the highest rate in Western Europe. Their attempts to cut down on "double-dipping" (holding several jobs at a time) by government employees have been of limited success.

A columnist writing in the independent *Diario 16*, generally sympathetic to the government, said unemployment had actually gotten worse since Gonzalez was sworn in Dec. 2.

The problem of terrorist acts carried out by Basque separatists remains unresolved. An attempt to get Socialists members of the Basque National Party and representatives of a political party with ties of ETA, the separatist organization, to sit down

at a peace parley failed when ETA lashed out with a series of attacks on civil guards and banks in the northern Basque region.

Both friends and foes of the Socialists agree that their foreign policy is less than well-defined. Gonzalez campaigned on a platform calling for a referendum on Spain's membership in NATO, but since taking office, he continues to brush aside the question of a date. Spain joined the North Atlantic Alliance in May last year but is not part of the military structure. A protocol signed last month to a 1953 treaty governing American use of four military bases in Spain gives the Socialists room to ratify the treaty without obliging them to integrate Spanish armed forces into the NATO command structure. (AP)

Today is Sunday, March 13, the 72nd day of 1983. There are 293 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1552 — France's King Henry II invades Lorraine. Turks invade Hungary.

1567 — Margaret of Parma, regent of the Netherlands, uses German mercenaries to annihilate 2,000 Calvinists.

1707 — Roman empire agrees to cession of Milan whereby French troops are to leave northern Italy.

1714 — Battle of Storkyro leads to Russian domination of Finland.

1821 — Victor Emmanuel of Piedmont abdicates and proclaims his brother, Charles Felix, as successor.

1851 — Alexander II of Russia is assassinated, is succeeded by Alexander III.

1900 — British forces under Frederick Roberts capture Bloemfontein, South Africa.

1938 — Austria is declared a part of German Reich.

1947 — Peasant rioting is reported in China. Indira Gandhi is installed as India's prime minister.

1978 — South Moluccan gunmen seize more than 70 hostages in government building in Eissen, the Netherlands, and demand release of comrades in Dutch jails.

Thought for today:

To like and dislike the same things, that is indeed true friendship — Salust, Roman scholar (83 B.C.-34 B.C.).

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Though the highest paying establishment

U.N. has drones thirsting for more honey

By O.C. Doering

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Those engaged in the business of the United Nations — the task of beating "swords into plowshares" are among the highest paid, most secure bureaucrats in the world.

Critics regard the United Nations as a glass hive in which drones siphon off the boney. Defenders insist that credit be given to a hard core of dedicated international civil servants doing their best in a system undermined by political patronage.

Former U.N. personnel chief James Jonah of Sierra Leone has complained that many member governments "seem to regard the secretariat as a dumping ground for officials unwanted at home."

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who took office 14 months ago, has been quoted as saying that only one in four U.N. employees does useful work.

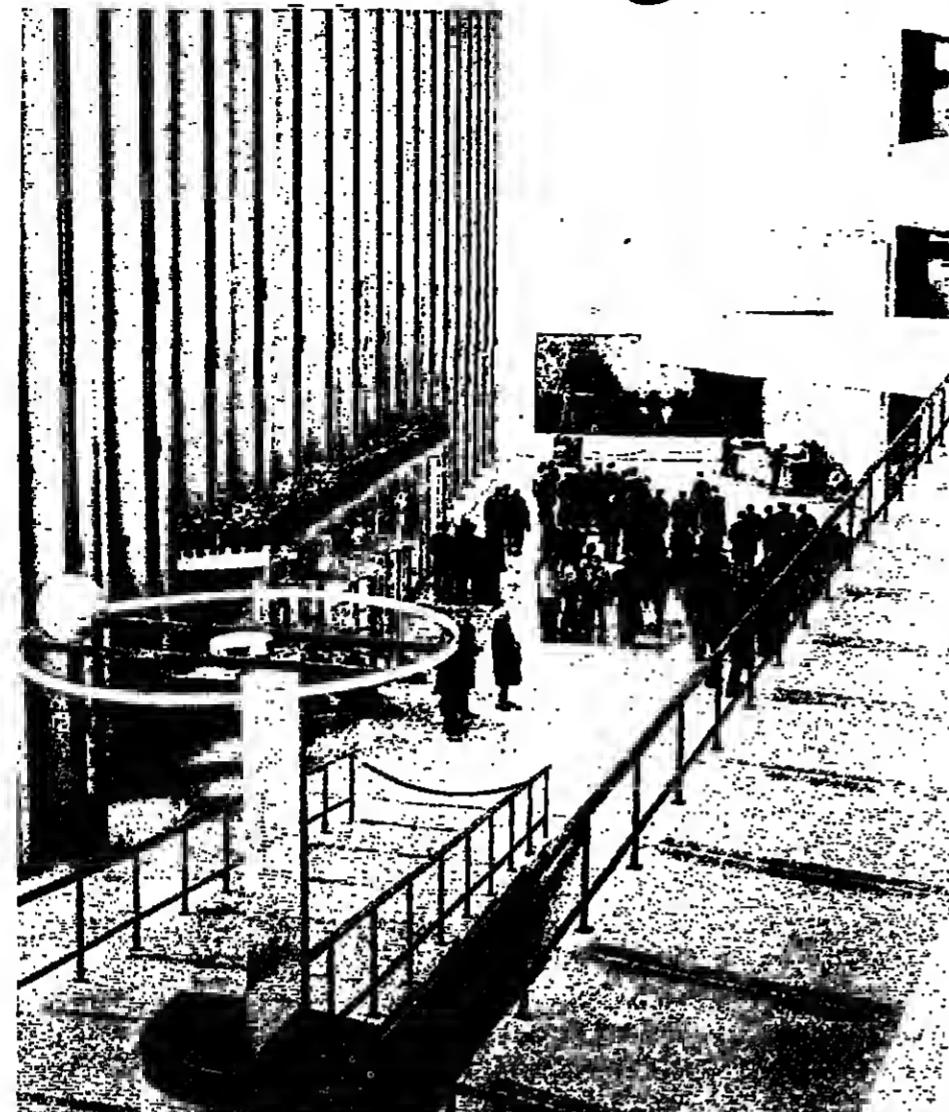
"That's not far from the truth," remarked a high-ranking U.N. official, who spoke on condition he not be identified. "It's what you find in most bureaucracies."

Given the increasing politicization of the 157-nation world body, he said throwing out unproductive workers would be a herculean task.

Worldwide, the United Nations employs a staff of nearly 26,500, ranging from messengers earning \$13,257 a year to an undersecretary-general earning \$122,500 including an expense allowance of \$4,000. In addition, there are about 10,000 U.N. peacekeeping troops in the Middle East who are paid directly by their home-country defense ministries.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar receives \$167,860 a year, an expense allowance of \$22,500, a townhouse overlooking New York's East River and a long limousine.

More than 30 U.N. officials earn more than \$100,000 a year. A U.S. official notes that the U.N. staff members are virtually "fully insulated against



LOBBY: A view of lobby at the main visitors' entrance at the north end of the U.N. General Assembly building. Suspended from the ceiling is a Foucault pendulum, a Dutch gift, offering visual proof of the earth's rotation.

China discards Mao's economic cobwebs

By William Sexton

PEKING (LAT) — Last year the Chinese leadership effectively undid Mao Tse-tung's great experiment in agriculture, the utopian but inefficient "people's communes." The goal this year is to root out the late chairman's Soviet-inspired ideas in business and industry.

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The thesis of "continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat" is wrong and harmful," Hu said, according to one published excerpt. "But the conviction that socialist society must still carry out reforms in all fields is correct and necessary."

His mention of "continuing the revolution" was a daring one, since Mao's justification for unleashing the catastrophic Cultural Revolution was that each generation, in effect, had to overthrow the last.

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In another radical departure, China recently raised cotton textile prices 20 percent and cut the price of synthetics 20 to 30 percent, hoping the market mechanism would free cottonfields for planting grain. Economists expect an eventual repricing of most commodities to eliminate disparities that have distorted production. Under the Soviet system, prices are set by the central government and shortages dealt with through rationing, queuing or black-marketing. China is moving toward the Western system of price determination through supply and demand.

An authoritative source said the leadership also has agreed to spin off the inefficient government-controlled enterprises that monopolize service businesses such as restaurants, laundries and repair shops. Indi-

vidual and cooperative companies will be encouraged to take over that expanding sector of the economy, according to the informant.

Peking Daily gave credence to the report recently in its response to a letter-writer who complained that individual street merchants were told they couldn't join the Communist Party. Under the policies adopted at September's national party congress, *Peking Daily* replied, "individual tradesmen, who are laborers of socialism in our society, should be considered in the same category as anyone else qualified for party membership. ... We should enthusiastically welcome them."

In addition to moving toward Western-style management, Hu appeared to be stepping out of the long shadow cast by Deng. The official Xinhua news agency's account of the meeting said, "all comrades ... enthusiastically discussed the important report by comrade Hu Yaobang, saying that this report, far sighted and with boldness of vision, inspired people to advance and also reflected the strong resolve of the party central committee to carry out reform for realizing the four modernizations."

The last speech to receive such acclamation was Deng's 1980 address on cutting back then-chairman Hua Guofeng's building program and balancing an inflationary budget. Hua soon disappeared from the leadership, and Hu took over his role of party chief.

Meanwhile, Deng's pragmatists set about

dismantling the people's communes, more than 20,000 of which had been established as the basic unit of farming and local government throughout the country. The communes displayed two fatal defects: a bloated, non-productive bureaucracy and failing farm output because all income was shared regardless of individual effort. Deng's remedy was the "individual responsibility system" in which every farm task is contracted out to individuals, families or neighborhoods that profit according to the success of their labors. The system is now in general use, and townships are taking over the civil functions Mao gave to the communes.

Deng's restructuring of agriculture, essentially allowing the peasants to manage their own business, produced an immediate spurt in production and farm income. China cannot long postpone a similar industrial reformation if the standard of living is to be maintained. Farm-to-market roads and railroads must be built, along with vehicles to carry food to the cities and fertilizer to the farms, if China's growing population is to be fed. Energy shortages must be alleviated and educational standards raised.

Lack of individual incentive for workers and independent decision-making for managers have virtually paralyzed production in many sectors. The goal is to quadruple the output value of industry and agriculture by the end of the century, a monumental undertaking even without China's handicaps of geography and population.

In seedy Oakland, across the bay from San Francisco, city fathers are trying to sell their civic ball and museum. In San Francisco, citizens have ducked around a proviso of 13 to raise a \$20 million "special tax" on business, with backing from a state Supreme Court holding with Brown appointees.

In Los Angeles, where 2,000 jobs have been eliminated, the schedule of street repaving has been changed from every 40 years to every 120 years. Because there is no money to build new jails, tent camps are rising inside San Quentin and other prisons. In Sacramento, cash aid and food stamps for single adults have been stopped and the needy dispatched to a state-run bed and board shelter — the first poorhouse to operate in California since the Depression.

Deukmejian has ordered across-the-board cuts in all government departments and halted \$370 million of school and public works construction. Cities are raising bus fares and parking fines, and finding a hundred penny-pinching devices. Streets once cleaned weekly now get a monthly lick.

Los Angeles school district, second largest in the nation, has lost \$100 million of programs, and even a \$6 million bill for new textbooks was rejected.

Crusty old Howard Jarvis, supported by the Duke's Republican cohorts, insists that blame be placed not on Prop. 13 but on the Brown administration's overspending. "In five budgets since the start of the tax revolt," Jarvis rumbled this week, "general fund spending has doubled from \$11 billion to \$22 billion. That's some 'era of limits'!"

Polls show that Jarvis and his Prop. 13 are still popular, but from what Jarvis calls "the tax-and-spend gang" (which means most Democrats) a clamor is rising for new taxes, even for repeal of 13.

A strong coalition of teachers, consumer groups, environmentalists and civil rights is fighting for (1) a state lottery which could pump millions into the exchequer but is denounced by religious groups as "immoral" and (2) a \$2.7 billion package of tax increases aimed chiefly at business and the wealthy.

"We've had it with Prop. 13. Our great state is withering away," says Harry Snyder, a publisher and co-founder of the coalition. "Our kids deserve more than a second-class education. Our old folk need something better than second-rate medical care."

Five years ago California voters sent a message that was heard across the U.S. With a piece of paper known as Prop. 13, they told governments large and small that if they didn't cut taxes, people would take matters into their own hands. Prop. 13 was a voter-approved measure that bypassed lawmakers to halve property taxes and punch a \$7 billion-a-year hole in state revenues. Its architect, an elderly right-winger called Howard Jarvis, became a national hero.

And 13 was only a beginning. California went on an orgy of tax cutting that has deprived its exchequer of \$60 billion since 1978. At the same time, liberal Democrat Jerry Brown — elected governor as champion of an "era of limits" — failed to apply the second part of the Jarvis politico, curbs on spending. Brown bailed out city and county everywhere with what Jarvis called an "obscene" budget surplus of \$3.5 billion. When that vanished last year, Brown spent on, borrowing from future revenues, even dipping into special funds, such as the state highway fund, to the tune of \$1.8 billion.

No such gimmicks were available to his successor, Governor George ("call me Duke") Deukmejian, a sternly Reaganomic-minded Republican, who is seeking ways this week to cut a further millions from an already well-pruned \$22 billion state budget, over

vigorous objections from his Democratic-based legislature.

For the largest American state (it would rank about seventh in the world in GNP were

it a nation), such a fiscal mess is unprecedented. Accustomed to spending freely, Californians are now devising some bizarre ways of coping with crisis.

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To thwart Soviet threat

U.S. stresses need for aiding E. Asia

WASHINGTON, March 12 (R) — The Reagan administration Saturday urged Congress to maintain high levels of military and economic aid to U.S. allies in East Asia, citing an "increasing Soviet, North Korean and Vietnamese threat" to the region.

Paul Wolfowitz, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, said the administration wanted to spend \$722 million on aid to the area in the 1984 financial year starting in October, up from the current \$689 million.

The bulk of the funds would go to South Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand, he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is considering the request.

"We believe that these requests, devised as they have been with an eye to severe resource constraints and the increasing Soviet, North Korean and Vietnamese threat, represent the minimum resources needed to protect our front-line allies and preserve our (military) base agreements," Wolfowitz said.

He was speaking two days after the Pentagon released a new study which alleged the Soviet Union had expanded its military power in unprecedented fashion in 1982, in East Asia as in other regions.

The administration intends to send the

ICO chops coffee quota

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — The executive board of the International Coffee Organization Friday night decided to cut the third quarter global quota of the 1982-83 coffee year.

A bag holds 132.2 pounds or 60 kilos in green coffee beans.

This is two-thirds of the cut of 750,000 bags ordered by the board in October last year following the departure of Israel, Hungary and Hong Kong from the consumer membership of the ICO. It involved their last intended annual intake of coffee under the ICO's export quota system.

A decision to make the cut final was delayed while the producers argued among themselves whether the reduction should apply across-the-board, involving all the producers, or only those which traditionally supplied Israel, Hungary and Hong Kong.

Friday night's decision was a compromise designed to pacify both camps. The first cut of 500,000 is across-the-board and takes effect on April 1.

Regarding the remaining 250,000 bags involved in the cut ordered last October, it was resolved Friday night that "the board shall decide before June 20, 1983, whether to reduce quotas by 250,000 bags in the quarter July-September 1983 (last quarter of the

largest amount of aid to South Korea — \$230 million in credits to buy U.S. military equipment and \$1.85 million to train South Korean soldiers. The total figure is about nine percent higher than the fiscal 1983 request.

Wolfowitz and Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Armitage told the Senate subcommittee the credits were urgently needed to redress what they called a dangerous military imbalance between Seoul and Communist North Korea.

"North Korea can and does maintain a high state of readiness," Wolfowitz said. "With its forces only some 35 miles from Seoul, North Korea could mount an attack with very little notice."

President Reagan has also requested \$106.4 million in military aid to Thailand, which administration officials say is threatened not only by a Soviet-backed Vietnamese build-up along its border but an internal Communist insurgency in its rural areas.

Wolfowitz said this assistance and another \$29 million in economic aid was needed also to relieve Thailand's severe refugee and narcotics traffic problems.

The largest amount of economic assistance — \$103.5 million — would go to Indonesia.

Turkey wins \$70m Iraqi pipeline deal

ANKARA, March 12 (R) — The Turkish contracting firm Enka has won a \$70 million contract to build an expansion of the Turkish-Iraqi oil pipeline, company officials said Friday.

The pipeline from Kirkuk in northern Iraq to the southern Turkish port of Yumurtalik has been Iraq's only oil link to the Mediterranean since Syria closed a pipeline through its territory early last year.

The expansion will boost the capacity of the pipeline to one million barrels per day from the current 780,000 barrels, company officials said.

They said the contract, financed by Iraq, was worth around \$70 million, and construction was expected to be completed within 14 months. The contract was expected to be signed within days, they added.

An unnamed Turkish firm will supply the 80 km (50 miles) of 30 and 40-inch (75 and 100-cm) pipes needed to complete the expansion the officials said. Enka Insaat Ve Sanayi A.S. already has contracts worth over \$1.3 billion in various Middle East countries.

A delegation from the Turkish central bank flew to Baghdad Friday to discuss easing the flow of payments between the two countries, bank officials said. The visit followed the signing of a protocol between the governments last month agreeing to find ways to facilitate payments.

Central bank officials said there had recently been delays in payments by Iraq for Turkish exports which reached \$567 million in the first 11 months of last year compared with \$559 million in the whole of 1982.

The delegation, led by bank Governor Osman Siklar, was expected to discuss the possibility of Turkey extending export credits to ease the problems, the officials said. Iraqi exports to Turkey, mostly oil, were \$1.15 billion in the first 10 months of 1982 compared with \$1.56 billion for the whole of 1981.

Third was West Germany with a total 3.76 million autos, followed by France with 2.78 million, Italy with 1.30 million and Britain with 887,700, the report said.

General Motors Corp., the No. 1 U.S. automaker, remained as the top car-maker.

Economy on the bounce -- Pinochet

SANTIAGO, March 12 (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet said Friday that Chile was emerging from a prolonged recession and that economic discontent would not be permitted to alter his authoritarian rule.

"The country has begun to overcome the crisis, showing the first signs of a revival that will be very slow at first but will be sustained," the 67-year-old army general said in a nationally televised speech.

Pinochet, who overthrew elected Marxist President Salvador Allende in 1973, spoke on the second anniversary of a constitution calling for transition to a conservative, "protected democracy by 1989, which would exclude communism and some other ideologies."

"I notify the politicians anxious to recover their power that we will tolerate conditions or limits on the exercise of authority beyond those set by the constitution legitimately approved as an expression of national consensus that nobody can ignore," he said.

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By nonaligned summit

Affluent urged to aid 3rd World

NEW DELHI, March 12 (R) — Nonaligned states called Saturday on industrial nations, struggling to overcome the worst recession in 50 years, to take sweeping action to haul the Third World out of its desperate economic plight.

The nonaligned summit called for more aid, preferential trade terms and relief from huge foreign debts crippling the world's poorest countries. It also demanded a major overhaul of the international financial system and said it wanted a much bigger say in how it was run.

The 101 nonaligned leaders from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe, representing more than half of mankind, urged rich countries to negotiate on global economic issues next year. They said the easy issues should be tackled first before moving on to tasks aimed at restructuring global economic institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

The two themes permeated the summit's 20,000-word economic declaration. The Third World is suffering more than industrial nations from the recession and it wants a better deal.

The summit catalogued the woes of developing nations — record debts, rock-bottom foreign exchange earnings from commodities, flagging aid, reduced access to Western markets and grinding poverty. "Under the present unjust world economic

system, the levers of power are firmly in the hands of a few developed countries and are often used to the detriment of the interests of developing countries," the declaration said. It said the world economic crisis threatened to balloon into depression worse than the 1930s slump.

The summit called for restructuring of developing nations' debts, now running at \$540 billion and compounded by interest charges which have soared to \$106 billion a year. It pressed for a global conference on finance and money for development and said negotiations at the United Nations on economic issues — the stalled "North-South" dialogue between rich and poor nations — were "urgent and imperative."

The declaration blamed "a few industrialized countries, in particular one major industrial country," for the failure to launch global negotiations. This was a clear reference to the United States, which, backed by some West European countries, argues that existing international institutions such as the IMF and World Bank are adequate forums in which to tackle development issues.

The declaration devoted large passages in demands for reform of the World Bank and IMF. It called for a greater Third World say in the two Western-dominated organizations, set up under the 1944 Bretton Woods Accord.

4 oil-exporting states may lose \$8b

LONDON, March 12 (R) — The oil-exporting developing countries of Mexico, Venezuela, Nigeria and Indonesia are together likely to lose about \$8 billion in revenue per year following an expected reduction in OPEC prices, bankers contacted by Reuters said.

An agreement which emerges from crisis talks by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in London is likely to result in a cut in the benchmark oil price from \$34 a barrel to \$29, conference sources said. Bankers said the biggest problems were faced by non-OPEC Mexico, where a senior official said recently the country would have to increase its borrowing and renegotiate its joint loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) if it had to cut its oil price by more than \$4 a barrel.

Mexico, which was granted a \$3.9 billion IMF loan under painful conditions last December, would lose up to \$3 billion in oil revenue this year, the bankers said. Its only compensation would be a likely fall of \$900 million at most in the interest it has to pay on its foreign debt of over \$80 billion.

Falling oil prices usually cause inflation to drop around the world, allowing banks and monetary authorities to relax the anti-inflationary discipline of high interest rates.

The loss of revenue by oil-exporting countries should result in their borrowing an extra \$3 billion; bankers said though this would be partly offset by lesser demands from the

Nonaligned states called for a doubling of IMF lending resources, branding as inadequate a 47.5 percent rise to go into effect by next year. The conference declaration amounted to a Third World economic blueprint in the run-up to two major conferences — the annual-summit of the top seven industrial powers in Williamsburg, Virginia, in May and the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Belgrade in June.

Stressing the interdependence of world economies, the declaration accused some industrial countries of "pursuing shortsighted and inward-looking policies." It proposed a number of immediate economic steps as well as stressing the need for long-term structural reforms.

These included a call on the IMF and World Bank to take swift action to stimulate developing countries' economies. Nonaligned states pledged greater self-reliance but also called on the West to double aid to 0.7 percent of gross national product. It also urged the World Bank to expand its lending program substantially.

The summit called for a big increase in funds by 1985 for the bank's soft-loan arm, the International Development Association (IDA). It demanded an end to trade restrictions and called for preferential treatment of Third World exports.

heavy borrowers of the industrialized world.

A \$29 benchmark oil price should reduce France's borrowing by halving its trade deficit, government sources said. Last year, the country had a trade gap of \$14 billion.

Venezuela stands to lose about \$2.5 billion in oil revenue and save only \$270 million in interest, bankers said, at a time when it is trying to refinance overdue loans. But the biggest debtor in Latin America, Brazil, is likely to enjoy a double bonus. Bankers say the country, which owes nearly \$90 billion should save \$1.8 billion on its oil import bill and \$640 million through lower interest rates.

Soviet economist dead

MOSCOW, March 12 (R) — Evsei Liberman, a prominent economist whose name became linked with attempts to reform the Soviet economy in the 1960s, has died at the age of 84.

Professor Liberman, who worked at an Institute of Industrial Economics in Kharkov, became famous for an article in *Pravda* in September 1962 entitled "plan, profit, bonus." The article called for a greater reliance on profitability in Soviet industry and foreshadowed an economic reform introduced some three years later.

The reform, sponsored by Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin, was never repealed, but many of its basic ideas were later watered down. Professor Liberman's death was reported in *Eko*, a Novosibirsk economic monthly to which he was a contributor.

IMF grants \$600m loan to Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON, March 12 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a third year of a loan arrangement for debt-ridden Yugoslavia that could open up the country to \$600 million in new financing, monetary sources said Friday.

The decision approved by the IMF executive board after several hours of discussion, puts the international lending agency's seal of approval on Yugoslavia's attempt to reform its economy.

On Monday, leading Western central banks, meeting in Basle, Switzerland, under the aegis of the Bank for International Settlements, agreed to give Belgrade a \$500 million bridging loan to help it meet repayments on its \$19 billion foreign debt.

The loan from the IMF and the central banks is part of an international financial aid package eventually expected to total \$4.5 billion. The remainder will come from governments, commercial banks and the World Bank.

Strike cripples Ford, Leyland

LONDON, March 12 (AFP) — Two of Britain's largest motor works, Ford at Halewood near Liverpool and British Leyland at Longbridge outside Birmingham, were at a standstill Friday due to strike action.

At Ford Halewood, 4,500 workers on the assembly lines were on strike in protest at the sacking of a 25-year-old worker alleged to have carried out vandalism on a car. Some 3,700 persons in the bodybuilding shop were laid off.

The strike began Wednesday and colleagues said the sacked man, Paul Kelly, was "the victim of a frame-up." They are demanding a police investigation.

EEC butter sales begin Wednesday

BRUSSELS, March 12 (AFP) — The European Economic Community's butter sales to the Soviet Union, suspended three years ago when Soviet troops entered Afghanistan, will resume next Wednesday, the EEC Commission said Friday.

The decision to resume the sales was reached in December, but the actual sending of butter was delayed pending the creation of a system that will allow the EEC to monitor the level of sales.

As with other sales outside the community, a subsidy of \$130 per 100 kilos will apply, to cover the difference between world rates and the higher EEC price.

Four-fifths of the subsidy is paid when the butter leaves the EEC and the rest when evidence is provided that the butter has reached the Soviet Union.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — The Japanese group Clariion, the world's leading manufacturer of car radios, is to set a plant in Pompey, an industrial city in Lorraine, eastern France, to serve Europe, Clarion's French affiliate said here. The plant, which should become operational by the middle of the year, aims at turning out 200,000 units of top-range car radios a year by 1986 — more than 50 percent for export.

LONDON (AFP) — Iran's state-owned National Iranian Lead and Zinc Company plans to establish a metalworks/refinery with an annual production capacity of 60,000 tons

Financial Times

Dollar closes on firm note

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 12 — The dollar closed on a firmer note on the New York Friday night bourses. The dollar was helped by the continuing OPEC oil price talks and the uncertainties within the European Monetary System (EMS). The latest release of the weekly U.S. money supply figures which showed a 1.00-million rise in the M1 series did not seem to affect the markets, for the markets were awaiting to see if this is the beginning of a new trend or if it was a "fluke" figure compared to the \$3.6 billion rise in the previous week. The money markets concentrated on analyzing the statements made by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker to the effect that the "Fed" needed to maintain a careful control of the money supply — which some indicated a continuation of the present tight U.S. monetary policy with "Fed fund" prime lending rates at around 8 1/4 percent. In the Eurodollar markets, there was no visible changes in dollar interest rates in Europe but the New York Friday night markets closed around 1/16 percent higher to one-month rate to around 9 1/4 percent levels.

In the bullion markets, both gold and silver prices had an erratic trading session over the weekend with prices awaiting to see what develops out of the OPEC meetings in London. Gold traded around the \$427 levels and silver at the \$10.90 levels. Volatility is expected in next week's markets.

The French franc continues to be affected

Accord legal, Kuwait says

U.S. ban affects Santa Fe

KUWAIT, March 12 (R) — Kuwait said Saturday that the American oil firm Santa Fe International, which it acquired 18 months ago, had been banned by Washington from exploring for oil and gas in the United States.

Chief government spokesman Abdul Aziz Hussein did not say when the ban was imposed on the California-based firm, bought by the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Company for \$2.5 billion in October 1981. But he told reporters the Kuwait government would insist on implementation of the takeover agreement which, he said, had

been concluded legally and with the consent of all parties concerned, including the U.S. government. The issue is to be discussed at a regular weekly cabinet meeting Sunday.

Kuwait's acquisition of Santa Fe Interna-

tional, which has a stake in the North Sea, was the largest investment by an Arab oil-producing country in the United States.

There were reports after the takeover that the U.S. Justice Department, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Treasury and a House of Representatives commerce subcommittee were investigating the deal.

U.S. probes Merrill Lynch dealings

NEW YORK, March 12 (R) — Merrill Lynch, the largest brokerage firm in the United States is cooperating with a federal government investigation into the company's cash transactions, a company spokesman said Friday.

The first indication that the company was being investigated came in an article to be published on Monday in *The National Law Journal* which was made available to journalists in advance. "Federal authorities are conducting an extensive investigation into poss-

ible criminal violations in connection with the handling of millions of dollars in cash transactions by Merrill Lynch and Company, Inc." *The National Law Journal* said.

The company spokesman told Reuters: "Merrill Lynch is aware that the U.S. attorney requested documents relating to currency transactions by customers. The company is unaware of any instances where we have not fulfilled our reporting obligations. Merrill Lynch is cooperating fully with the government." U.S. Attorney John Martin refused to comment on any aspect of the case.

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3 Mitterrand aides face local poll defeat

PARIS, March 12 (R) — France's bitterly fought town hall election campaign ended Saturday with three cabinet ministers on the knife edge of defeat and resignation from the government.

Political sources said the extent of the losses by the ruling Socialist and Communist parties in the second round of voting Sunday would decide the final shape of a cabinet reshuffle. President Francois Mitterrand is considering.

The left, which lost 16 municipalities to the center-right opposition in the first round last Sunday, fears the defection of between 30 and 50 more cities. Government parties have waged an aggressive campaign between the two rounds to try to limit the size of the swing against the left after 21 months in power nationally.

Interior Minister Gaston Defferre has already promised to resign if he loses control of Marseilles where he has been Socialist mayor for 30 years. Also in danger of defeat are Social Security Minister Pierre Beregovoy who is seeking a municipal seat in Mitterrand's former stronghold of Nevers and Industry Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement who is standing in the eastern town of

Reagan orders lie tests

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan ordered Friday that all U.S. government employees with access to classified information submit to lie-detector tests in any leak investigation or face discipline including possible dismissal.

Currently, outside the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Justice Department and some components of the Defense Department, federal employees have the right to refuse to take a polygraph or lie-detector test in such an investigation without prejudice.

Under the Reagan order, all employees who have access to classified information "may be required to submit to polygraph examinations when appropriate in the course of investigations of unauthorized disclosure of classified information."

Reagan further ordered that "as a minimum" new regulations issued by each department and agency "shall permit an agency to decide that appropriate adverse consequences will follow from an employee's

Belfort. Political sources said they would both be expected to follow Defferre's example if they lost.

With the franc under pressure from speculators and from the strength of the deutschmark, Finance Minister Jacques Delors, another possible casualty, said he did not feel that defeat would require his resignation. A total of 10 ministers have been forced into runoffs in the elections. Lionel Jospin, head of the Socialist Party, was among left-wing leaders beaten in last Sunday's first round.

Those fighting in the runoffs included Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. He is expected to be returned as mayor of Lille but his future as head of the government is in any case in question as Mitterrand considers his next moves to tackle France's economic difficulties.

Political sources noted that the ministers most threatened by the conservative tide were all particularly close to Mitterrand. Defeat for any would narrow the president's options in a reshuffle. Beregovoy was a favorite candidate to replace Mauroy as prime minister before the unexpectedly severe electoral reverses hit the government.

refusal to cooperate with a polygraph examination" limited to the leak investigation.

Other provisions of the order will require all government employees with access to classified information to sign a non-disclosure agreement enforceable in court as a condition of seeing the material.

In addition, employees with access to what is known as sensitive compartmented information, which is ultra-classified material dealing primarily with intelligence sources and methods, will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements that allow their agency to review any of their writings before publication to make sure classified information is not disclosed.

Steven Garfinkel, director of the Information Security Oversight Office, estimated that 60 U.S. government agencies and hundreds of thousands of government employees have access to classified information and that thousands of government employees in about five government agencies have access to sensitive compartmented information.

Agca bares plot on Walesa

ROME, March 12 (AP) — Mehmet Ali Agca, the would-be papal assassin, has told investigators that a plan to kill Polish labor leader Lech Walesa was hatched in the home of a Bulgarian Embassy official, Italian papers reported Saturday.

Milan's *Corriere Della Sera*, Italy's leading daily, quoted judicial sources as saying that Agca said the plot against Walesa was the subject of a meeting in the home of Ivan Dontchev. Dontchev, a secretary at the Bulgarian Embassy, has returned home, according to judicial sources.

Also taking part in the meeting, the paper said, were three other Bulgarians wanted for

helping Agca in the May 13, 1981, assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II.

Sergei Antonov Ivanov, Rome manager of the Bulgarian state airlines, was arrested Nov. 25 in connection with the papal attack. Todor Aivazov and Maj. Zhelyo Vasilev, both former embassy officials, were now in Bulgaria.

Agca, serving a life sentence for the papal attack, told investigators that the meeting to discuss the Walesa plan took place just before the labor leader came to Rome in January 1981, according to *Corriere* and Rome's *La Repubblica*.

According to the papers, Agca said the plans discussed involved planting a powerful bomb in Walesa's Rome hotel, in the foreign Press Club where he gave a press conference, or in a pension near the Vatican where Walesa was to meet with Polish prelates. It was unknown why the plot was dropped.

The Bulgarian Embassy has dismissed the allegations against the Bulgarians as absurd.

Alien prisoners fast in Germany

COLOGNE, West Germany, March 12 (R) — At least 90 foreign prisoners in Remscheid Jail near here are on hunger strike to protest their treatment under West German law, the deputy prison governor, Gert Fisher, was quoted Saturday as saying.

The convicts, from European and Islamic countries, want an end to legal provisions under which they can be deported for certain crimes and to be treated equally with West Germans in matters of prison education and access to open prisons, Fisher told a radio interviewer.

He said he had learned the names of 90 men, while the prisoners said 120 were taking part in the action, which began four days ago. There were signs that a further 30 West German prisoners were ready to join in as an expression of solidarity.

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